

St. Rep. Baker Makes Home In River Glen Apt. Here

Representative Ray L. Baker of Michigan's 4th District is now making his home in Farmington at River Glen Apartments. The Republican lawmaker, formerly of Berkeley where he was a retail pharmacist for some 30 years, is currently serving his second term in the Michigan Legislature.

House Representative Baker is the first elected official of the state to make his home in Farmington since the days of three-term Governor Fred Warren, a prominent Farmington businessman at the turn of the century.

IN MAKING THE move to this community, Representative Baker said Farmington is the geographic center of the 4th District, which takes in southwest Oakland County from Woodward Avenue to east to the Washtenaw County line west of South Lyon. The 4th District has a population of 150,000 persons.

Since taking office, Representative Baker has received more letters from his constituents in the Farmington area than from any other single community in his District. He has always been impressed by the amount of interest shown by the citizens here in governmental affairs. A good school system and smooth running local government are evidence of this citizen interest, he said.

Representative Baker has watched with keen interest the development of this community and had nothing but praise for the civic and business leaders who have worked to build up

the area. He also foresees a bright future as the community continues to grow and develop.

COMMUTING BETWEEN the Capitol in Lansing and his comfortable River Glen apartment is now much easier for Representative Baker. Expressways



REPRESENTATIVE RAY L. BAKER AND HIS WIFE, JUNE

Grandson of Early Settler, Hugh Webster, Dead at 72

Mr. Hugh Reed Webster, the grandson of one of Farmington's first settling families, died Saturday evening, December 14, in William Beaumont Hospital at the age of 72.

A life-long resident of Farmington and a product of the local school system, Mr. Webster had made his home since

1924 at 33727 Shiawassee Avenue.

He was born April 28, 1891, the son of James J. and Mary Armstrong Webster. His birthplace, a home raised only in recent years, was located on Liberty Street and Grand River Avenue and had served as an underground railroad for slaves during the Civil War days when it was occupied by his grandfather.

Get A Free Classified Ad

As a special Christmas gift to all Farmington Enterprise readers not engaged in commercial business we are offering to run a classified advertisement two weeks for the price of one.

Any local reader not engaged in business who orders a classified advertisement of 15 words or less between now and Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. will get it published for two weeks for the price of one. Your want ad will run on December 21 at the regular low price of 90¢ cash or \$1.05 charge and again on December 31 at no extra charge.

Of course if you sell everything you advertise in your quick action Enterprise want ad prior to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, we would appreciate your calling in to cancel the advertisement.

If you haven't already tried an Enterprise want ad why not take advantage of this special gift offer? Call GR. 4-6225 and ask for Jean Beck.

FARC Winter Program Set

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission announced this week it will resume its winter recreation program for youngsters beginning Saturday, January 18, and continuing on six successive Saturdays through February 22.

The gymnasiums at nine schools in the community will be opened between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. for each of the six dates set for the winter recreation program, Jan. 18 and 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

SCHOOLS WHICH will be opened to participants will be Eagle, Kenbrook, O. E. Dunckel, Beechview, Shiawassee, Ten Mile, Farmington Junior High, Cloverdale and Gill Road.

At elementary schools, participants must be third through sixth graders. The only participants eligible to use the junior high facilities are seventh through ninth graders. Pre-registration is not necessary and no fee will be permitted on gym floors.

The FARC wishes to thank the Farmington School District Board of Education for permission to use the various gym facilities. For further information call GR. 6-1182.

Say City Must Get Cars Out

Until the City of Farmington gets the cars it has ordered pulled in off the Pure Oil gas station property on Grand River at Grace Street there will be no fencing of the service station's property as requested by the City. Pure Oil Co. officials have stated.

Plans are that plans for a combined City and Township car pound can be completed soon at a new Township junkyard site but apparently some complications still exist, City Manager John Dinan reported.

The feeling of the operator of the station and Pure Oil Co. officials is that most of the alleged unlighted around the station is the result of the property being used as a City car pound now.

Fire Destroys Garage Used by Hot Rod Club

A garage at Tuck Road and Salisbury, occupied by the Flag Jumpers Hot Rod Club of Farmington, burned to the ground last Friday when an oil stove in the building blew up.

A car in the garage and tools used by the members of the club, including a car, were also destroyed in the fire.

The club is now looking for a garage in which to locate and asked anyone who had knowledge of one to write the Flag Jumpers, Box 51, Farmington.

Bad Speeders To Get Regular Tickets in City

The purpose of the speed study program started a few weeks back by the City with new electrical speed timing equipment acquired was not planned as a means of issuing more violation tickets, it was emphasized. The plan was rather to get a better picture of just what the speed patterns are on most major roads and try to curtail speeding by the issuance of warning tickets, it was pointed out.

In the case of those who are exceeding the posted speed limits by as much as 15 miles an hour and more, there is general agreement among City officials that the issuing of warning tickets will do no good.

The plan is to continue this street by street speed check as planned for the next several weeks recording general speeds of all motorists and issuing only warning tickets to those traveling in excess of ten miles over the posted limit initially, it was stated.

Ticketing of motorists who are traveling at speeds considerably in excess of the posted speed limits in the City of Farmington is likely to be stepped up as the result of action taken by the City Council Monday night.

At least a small percentage of motorists are exceeding the speed limits as posted in the City by as much as 15 miles per hour.

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Get Reinstated Or Lose Voting Right, 3,000 Told

The new state constitution requires that all voters in a community cast a ballot at least every two years or reinstate themselves as qualified voters.

Notices have now been sent out to 2,638 in the Township and 380 in the City who have not voted in a county, state or national election or a City or Township election in the past two years advising them that their names will be taken from the poll books if they do not reinstate themselves.

Those who receive notices will have 30 days from the date that suspension notices were mailed in which to get their names on the list of qualified voters to vote locally in future elections.

The final date for getting suspension notices filled out and returned to the City clerk's office will be Monday, Jan. 13. The deadline date in the Township is Thursday, January 16.

Each year during December in the future law voters who have not cast ballots in other than local school elections during the preceding two years will be notified to reinstate themselves or lose their right to vote.

Sat. Deadlines Next 2 Weeks

For the next two weeks deadlines for The Enterprise will be considerably earlier than usual so that you can get the papers out to you prior to the holidays each week.

Since we will have to print the paper on Mondays to get it distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, the deadlines for both general news copy and display advertising copy will be on Saturday. For the next two weeks The Enterprise office will be open all day on Saturdays but closed on the Tuesdays prior to each holiday.

The classified advertising deadline will be 10 a.m. Monday on both weeks.

Those wishing to get papers on Tuesday may obtain them at any of the drug stores in the community and at a number of the grocery stores throughout the community.

Your cooperation in meeting our early deadlines for the next two weeks will be greatly appreciated.

Jan. 1 Deadline for Renewing Licenses

Notices have now been sent out to all commercial business places of record in the City of Farmington notifying them that their business operating licenses must be renewed by January 1, 1964.

The deadline for getting 1964 local business operating licenses is January 1, she reminded.

Council Hearing On Apt. Re-zoning Lasts Over Two Hrs., Delay Decision

For over two hours Monday night the City Council was bogged down with facts and figures and arguments both for and against granting re-zoning which would permit a 15-unit apartment development a short distance south of Nine Mile on the east side of Farmington Road.

Some new arguments and information were presented but most of it was a repetition of what had been said at a public hearing held earlier before the City Planning Commission. The

Planners voted 4-3 in favor of the re-zoning.

Citizens of Farmington Oaks and Farmington Meadows subdivisions to the south of this ten-acre parcel which developers are seeking to have rezoned made it clear at the Planning Commission hearing that they were vigorously opposed to the zoning change. They were back again at the Council hearing to restate their objections.

William H. Welch, 21213 Roblinwood, president of the Farm-

ington Meadows Home Owners' Association which also represents Tall Oaks, was designated as official spokesman for the homeowners but many others also expressed their views.

The homeowners contend that development of apartments on this property, whether they will be sold as cooperative housing or rented, will greatly devalue their single family home neighborhoods. They cite areas they knew about where this has happened.

Another argument of the

homeowners was that serious traffic and safety problems for their children would result with a heavy number of cars coming in and out of the apartment development area. Numerous homeowners who spoke argued that if the property were sold to Farmington to get away from apartments and areas where population density per square mile is high.

The homeowners emphasized the fact that once the property was rezoned for apartment development the plans presently being presented would not necessarily have to be followed and very cheaply constructed apartments could go up. They challenged the developers' contention that very few families with children would move into these apartment buildings.

THE PROPOSED erection of a large apartment building on the area under consideration for re-zoning was exceptionally strongly objected to even though it is not a four-story building but a four-foot-high masonry wall would be constructed along the property line.

Bill Adler, representing the development company building the homes in Farmington Oaks, also appeared to express his views. He stated that he had about 40 or 50 lots left to develop in Farmington Oaks and that he would have to build substantially cheaper homes on them if the property to the north was rezoned for apartments.

One or two of the homeowners suggested that only that portion of the ten-acre parcel nearest to the industrial zone property on Nine Mile should be allowed to be developed with apartments and that that portion to the south be left vacant or that single family homes be put on it.

It was also suggested that the City buy the land and develop a park there.

Both of these suggestions were termed impractical due to the high cost of land per acre.

JACK CLOSS of the Babcock and Lawson Development Co. which is seeking to get the

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THE FARMINGTON BOARD of Commerce received a considerable head start on its 1964 Christmas decorating program last week as Bernie Zivov (left) of Greg Shoes in the Bel-Aire Shopping Center and

Commerce, Ernie Welsh, chairman of the Farmington Christmas decorating program this year, holds up a sample of what the Board of Commerce will be able to acquire for local Christmas holiday season.

Need for Two Hearings Wrestled By Council

Whether or not a public hearing should be held before the City Council on the request of Devere Fleming for re-zoning of a 1.2 acre parcel off Freedom Drive to permit an apartment unit was discussed at length at the regular Council meeting on Monday night of this week.

An initial public hearing was

held earlier before the Planning Commission on this extremely controversial re-zoning request. The planners voted six to one against recommending that the re-zoning be granted at an official meeting last week.

SANDY Brotherton, a mayor pro-tem and chairman of the Planning Commission, a d d Councilman Henry Forrest who has already committed himself as being strongly against re-zoning of this parcel felt that a second hearing should not be necessary in view of the fact that nearly all the opinions and facts there were came out at the first hearing and because of the final one-sided decision of the planners.

Mayor Robert Lindbert and Councilman Hugo Peterson and Howard Thayer did not agree, however. By a vote of 3-2, therefore, a second hearing before the Council has been scheduled for January 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to the Council's decision, City Manager John Dinan pointed out that since the Planning Commission was only an advisory body and not the City's official governing body he questioned the legality of

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3 Developments To Be Discussed By Twp. Zoners

A public hearing is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. before the Township Zoning Board on a proposed Town House type of residential development between the Ten Mile and East Junior High Schools.

Also up for discussion will be plans for two good sized developments proposed in the northeast section of the Township.

The Town House type of development is being proposed on a 20 acre parcel of land between the Ten Mile grade school and East Junior High School.

ONE OF THE large developments proposed in the northeast section is a subdivision of almost 200 homes on a 103 acre parcel east of Middlebelt a short distance south of 14 Mile. Older Franklin Township is the name which has been chosen for this proposed subdivision.

The second sizeable project proposed is for a terrace-type of apartment development at the southwest corner of Middlebelt and 14 Mile roads. Re-zoning of this area to a multiple family classification will be necessary before this type of development would be permitted. A public hearing will be required.

To Shift Some City Banking

A request from officials of the Metropolitan National Bank that the City consider favorably shifting some of its banking at least some of the City's business was discussed at the regular Council meeting Monday night.

Councilmen were in agreement that every effort should be made to switch at least some of the City's accounts to Metropolitan and that this could be done without hitch.

City Manager John Dinan was instructed to work with Metropolitan and to determine what accounts might be shifted without causing serious difficulties or problems and report back to the Council as soon as possible.

Since Metropolitan has both Saturday and longer weekday hours, one councilman suggested that it might be well to consider working out some type of arrangement where homeowners could pay their water bills at Metropolitan.

OK Small Walk Assessment Roll

A special assessment roll for a small amount of new sidewalk construction work done in Twin Valley Subdivision in 1963, was officially approved by the City Council Monday night.

The action came following an official public hearing on the project involving only four property owners and costing less than \$200.

During the public hearing, Milton Levy of 33118 Shiawassee, one of the four property owners, questioned why a walk had not yet been provided along the north side of Shiawassee east of Farmington Rd. It was explained to him that this was school property and that the City could only request a walk here and not force it through a special assessment program.

Councilmen asked that the city manager follow with school officials to see what could be done about getting this walk installed soon.



THE GOODFELLOWS GOT A LIFT from area schools this week as canned goods were brought in by students to be included in the distribution of food baskets to needy families in the community. Pictured above making their contributions to the drive at Farmington High School are (L to R) Mike Gregory and Eric Sauter.



MAYOR ROBERT LINDBERT had a busy morning last Friday at Farmington's old newsway, stationed themselves on street corners throughout the community for the Goodfellows Paper Sale. The Mayor is shown above making a sale to Delos Hamlin of Farmington.