

School Plans, Site OK'd

Preliminary plans were approved and a site chosen for a new \$358,800 elementary school by the Farmington Board of Education at their regular meeting Monday evening.

The structure, to be located at a site in the 13 mile-14 mile-Inkster-Middlebelt area (called

Section 1), hopefully will be ready for students in the fall of 1966.

The site was selected over another area in School District Section 4 (the 13 mile, 14 mile, Farmington and Drake road area).

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SAFETY CHECK FOR Farmington automobiles is urged by local auto dealers and police officials who are joining efforts to sponsor the spring campaign. From left, row one: John McGuffin, O'Brien, Inc.; Hugh Gory of Town and Country Dodge, Inc.; Bob Jaska of Pioneer Oldsmobile, Inc.; Doug Dameron of Dameron Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc.; Frank Stefani of Capital Tire, Co.; and Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hart.

Row two: Farmington City Police Chief Maurice D. Foltz; Farmington Township Police Chief Irving H. Yakes; Farmington City Manager John Dumas; Herb Tucker of Root Chevrolet, Inc.; Charles Dameron of Dameron Motor Sales; Ken Hanson of Bob Dussau Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.; and Bob Light of Redford Rambler, Inc.

Middlebelt PTA Install Officers

Installation of new officers for 1963/64 took place at a P.T.A. meeting at Middlebelt on Monday, May 24, 1963.

The new board consists of: Mr. Phoebe Kaldosky of 24581 Creekside, President; Mr. Harry Neill, of 2500 Creekside, Vice President; Mrs. Mildred Panich, of 28209 Briar Hill, Secretary; Mrs. Frances Saliba, of 23880 Glenecore, Treasurer.

The meeting heard Mr. Hugh Watson, Director of Special Education, Farmington School District, speak on "Midlife for Special Education." The subject was very timely, since the majority will be on the ballot on June 14, 1965.

A talk on the "History of Michigan" was presented by Mrs. Betty McGuffin of Michigan Bell Telephone Company. This was illustrated by color slides of old paintings depicting important events in our state's history.

Air Cover

The Memorial Day Parade which will be held in Farmington on May 31 has become a combined operation.

The Navy is sending two mobilized units, the Marines have promised to send some color of vehicle. And there will be air coverage provided by an Air Force X-15 plane.

The parade will form at Farmington Junior High School (School and Thomas Streets) at 9:30 a.m. It will begin at 10 a.m. Those interested in participating can call the Parade Committee at EL 8-2256.

School Board Candidates Asked To Address Dems

Candidates for the Farmington school board have been invited to appear at the next meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 2 in the community room of the City National Bank of Farmington, Ten Mile at Orchard Lake.

Each of the candidates will be asked to make a presentation of about five minutes before the meeting will be thrown open to questions from the floor.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnoni said that the meeting will be one of the few to be held where citizens can listen to and ask questions of their school board candidates.

He said the meeting is open to the general public and all will be welcome to participate in the question period.

Farmington, Socially Speaking

Jerry Wendt



BY JERRY WENDT

ONE OF THE most interesting trips I have ever heard about was recently taken by Chuck and Val Lenton and Ralph and Rosemary Downey. Val, who is noted for her knowledge of history and antiques generously shared some of her experiences with us. Determined to avoid a "canned" or touristy type of trip the Lortons and Downeys followed the policy of staying at the big hotels in the cities but when in the country living with the people in their homes and among the every day way of life. While in England, they ate English food, spent their spare time in English social life, and traveled in the English manner, by bus, tram, or bus. It proved to be a wonderful experience and they are all looking forward eagerly to a return trip.

RANKY CROSS was one of their first stops and the famed village of nursery rhyme, was really marked with a cross. This is the custom in all small towns which marked their sties with a cross to show early travelers that the town was inhabited by Christians and that they would be safe there. The Cotswold area was near Farmington, England. A teacher who lived there, now elderly but still keen-witted told them of an incident that happened in 1920 and was still vivid in the memory of the villagers.

A VERY WEALTHY American had bought one of the homes in the village and shipped it back to America where he had it rebuilt piece by piece. Closer questioning brought out the fact that the "wealthy American" name was Henry Ford and the house was the famous Cotswold cottage which still stands in Greenfield Village.

"EAT HEALTHY" is the English slogan for country meals. And the Lortons and the Downeys enjoyed huge breakfasts complete with rashers of bacon and huge serving bowls of porridge. Devonshire cream, a combination of ice cream and whipped cream was served over fruits and their marvelous pastries, which incidentally turned out to be kingfisher.

ENGLISH HOSPITALITY is justly famed. Everywhere they went, they were treated with delightful warmth and kindness. The "bobbies" as officers of the law are called, taught Chuck and Ralph how to play darts, a favorite game to the pub. They learned so well, that they were soon beating their teachers.

THE LANDED GENTRY is now beset by taxes. So staying overnight at a castle or manor is possible for the American tourist. Pulling up in front of a gorgeous castle, they found it ablaze with lights, and guests all enjoying themselves at a huge garden party (aka - My Fair Lady). It was the engagement party for the son of the manor. Cordially invited to join the party, they did so, had a wonderful time.

WELCOME new neighbors to Farmington—After June 1 the Lawrence Beaumont family are moving to Farmington from Cleveland, Ohio. There are two children in the Beaumont family. Ruth who attends Ohio State University and Lawrence Jr. who becomes a student at Ohio State next fall.

Anyone interested in participating in the Second Annual Farmington Artists' Exhibit and Sale must have his entries in by June 14.

The Show will take place in the Farmington Senior High parking lot, on Sunday, June 27, from 1 to 7 p.m. Last year, the show was held in late August, and 30 artists exhibited in it.

If weather does not permit the show to take place on the 27th, it will be set ahead to July 11. Those interested in participating should contact Alice Nichols, at GR 6-3879.

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Dems Hear Debate On Township Zoning

A discussion of zoning practices in Farmington Township took place at last week's meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club.

The discussion involved Charles Williams, member of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, and Harris Berger, a leader of the Farmington Citizens League.

Williams defended and Berger was critical of the current policies of the zoning board.

Williams started out by pointing to the transition which has taken place in the township in the last 10 years including the expressway construction, zoning for industrial and approval of multiple dwellings.

He said the township had approved a new survey which expected to take three years and involves replacing the present zoning board with a nine member planning commission.

Williams said the study will look into housing conditions, population analysis, storm water runoff analysis, roads and thoroughfares. He said he found the question of multiple dwellings most controversial faced by the zoning board in the past year.

Williams pointed out that the board has approved six parcels of property for multiple dwellings and turned down four such requests. He said he voted for the Independent Green development because of the tax revenue it will bring into the township and school district.

Berger was one of the leaders in the petition drive which sought to block approval of Independence Green. He said the 2,000-apartment project is of character with the rest of the area and with the kind of community he thinks Farmington should be.

Berger said the question of taxes should not be a consideration in rezoning matters. He said that the township is losing thousands of dollars in tax revenue by assessing vacant acreage at too low a rate.

He related that he has an appeal with the state tax board challenging the assessment figures on vacant property. He said valuable property in the industrial area is assessed at only \$200 an acre. He said the tax loss through low assessment of vacant acreage could be as much as \$400,000 a year.

Berger questioned the need for the number of apartment units that have been approved in the township. He said the zoning board opened the gates to all kinds of requests for multiple housing when it approved the first rezoning to permit apartments.

Berger said that once the zoning ordinance is broken the zoning board becomes compromise agency.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnoni urged citizens to continue to voice their views on zoning to the zoning board. He said that despite efforts

Inspectors Awaiting Negotiation

The Building Inspectors of Farmington Township, recently organized as Local No. 1458 of the State and County Municipal Employees have drafted and will — within 10 days — submit to the Township Board, a proposed, written agreement between their union and the Board.

This agreement will set forth the provisions regarding car allowances, grievance procedures, the enactment of a pension plan, and working conditions which are presently in existence.

Upon the Township Board's receiving this agreement, the Union which says it has thus far not been contacted by the Board — will start negotiations, according to Walter Oliver, Senior Staff Representative of Council 23. It is with Council 23 that the Township Inspectors are allied.

Oliver stated that: "We are in hopes the Township Board will accept this and will bargain in good faith, as do other governmental bodies which we also represent."

According to statistics compiled by federal agencies in a year's time a rehabilitated worker will pay back in taxes more of the cost of his rehabilitation and that from there on he becomes a community asset, the Easter Seal Society reports.

by some officials in the community to silence the voice of citizens such participation was having an impact on the zoning board.

He noted that in recent months the board has become more responsive to the objections raised by citizens and has agreed to approve the zoning survey asked by the Democratic Club and other citizens.

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