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Bonnie Britton, State Junior Miss

2 Public Hearings Set for February

It looks as though the February "work" meeting of the Farmington Township Planning Commission will be a long one. In a lengthy session last week the Commission set two public hearings for the month, plus that one applicant was told to come back Feb. 24 with more information.

In addition two public hearings are already slated for the March meeting. All of this plus other action which was either approved or denied without a dissenting vote.

Set for public hearing on Feb. 24 are:

- Rezoning of the back lot at 22014 Hayes St. from RA-4 to B-3 and a proposal for garden type apartments on 20.8 acres east of Drake Rd., north of proposed Oakland Ave. and south of Grand River.
- (This proposal has been denied previously by the commission, but the commission agreed to take another look at the project.)

Set for public hearings on (Continued on Page 20-B)

40 Calls A Day Go To Township

The Farmington Township Police Department received a total of 14,661 complaints or calls during 1965. Broken down this averages out to about 40 calls a day.

In addition the Department logged total mileage of 333,665. The department also served a total of 1,325 summons during the year.

During the past year 481 persons were arrested by the police and 76 house checks were made for the residents. The juvenile officer on the force handled 339 complaints. A total of 481 nuisance complaints were processed by the Department.

Broken down into the various categories the Police Department's work load included 940 accidents—including six fatalities; 197 breaking and entering complaints; 18 attempted breaking and entering; 809 larcenies; three unlawful entries; 526 complaints of malicious destruction of property; 24 cases of vandalism; 132 family fight calls; 61 assault and batteries; 10 felonious assaults; 27 attempted suicides; 113 accidental injuries; 123 reports of prowlers; three window peepers; and 202 bites from dogs, cats, racoons, rabbits, mice, squirrel, hamsters and a horse.

A total of 68 bicycles were stolen last year and one child's tricycle was also taken. Eleven women had their purses stolen and 22 individuals were missing license plates on their autos. 48 cars were stolen, and in this age of the machine someone stole a horse.

The Township's volunteer fire department was called out a total of 143 times for fire reports in homes, garages, barns, sheds, other buildings, trailers, fields, autos and trucks, trees, and a dump.

Also showing up in the Department's annual report are the following items found by the police in 1965: wallet, ring, purse, pendant, blank checks and driver's license, check book and women's clothing.

Wins Title Over 29 Contestants



BONNIE BRITTON

Someday, if all goes right, the Farmington Jaycees may add Bonnie Britton's name to the signs surrounding the community which proclaim Farmington as the home of Olympic champion Rex Cavley.

That's right—the name of Bonnie Britton.

Exchange Club Eyes Loan Fund

The Farmington Goodfellowes are suffering from affluence! With a treasury approaching \$10,000 the Exchange Club is concerned that a charitable organization such as the Goodfellowes should be so rich. It just seems that in recent years more money has been received during the annual drive than can be spent.

Because of this Thomas Duke, president of the Exchange Club, appointed at today's (Wednesday) meeting at the Salem Church a committee of three to report back in two months on the possibility of setting up a revolving non-interest loan fund for technical education for Farmington residents.

Named to the committee were: Bob Clarke, John Clapton and Gerald V. Harrison.

Duke told The Observer that he believed that there are many organizations awarding college scholarships and he believed that help should be given to those students who wished to continue their education in the technical field.

W. Bowman Is Head of B. of C.

Bill Bowman, of the Thompson Brown Co., was elected chairman of the Farmington Board of Commerce for 1966 at a meeting of the Board of Directors last Thursday.

Other officers elected at that time are: Ed Balden, Farmington Center, Corp., vice chairman; Stella Strze, Custom Bridal Salon, secretary; and John P. Chapman, National Bank of Detroit, treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the board last week were: Chapman, Russell Gilbert, Robert Joannis; Robert Linbert; John Richardson and Mrs. Strze were all named to two-year terms.

Named to one year terms on the Board were: Richard Habicht, Michael Kiley and Omar Sanderson.

Bowman, Balden and Don Krohn are remaining on the Board completing terms. William Corning, immediate past chairman, will serve as a member ex-officio of the Board.

The members who retired are: Edwin R. Olosky; Kenneth E. Strom; and Richard MacPherson.

This year the Board has been expanded to 12 members instead of eight. This change in the by-laws was approved at the annual election meeting.

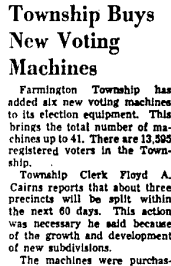
In other action the Board named Harley Walters and Jack Cotton as co-chairmen for this Festival scheduled for July 21, 22 and 23.

Township Buys New Voting Machines

Farmington Township has added six new voting machines to its election equipment. This brings the total number of machines up to 41. There are 13,595 registered voters in the Township.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns reports that about three precincts will be split within the next 60 days. This action was necessary he said because of the growth and development of new subdivisions.

The machines were purchased from the Automatic Voting Machine Co. for approximately \$18,000 each. Under the purchase agreement the Township will rent them for the first year. The rental fees are then applied toward the total cost of the machine.



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Kathy Ziska Takes Over Social Items

With this week's edition of The Observer of Farmington the duties of social columnist being taken over by Kathy Ziska of 20240 Peppermill, Farmington Township.

Mrs. Ziska, a resident of Farmington for the past 10 years, takes over the column from Jerry Wendt who is now the Women's Editor of The Observer Newspaper.

Kathy brings to her new duties a long list of social and community activities. She is a charter member and immediate past president of the Hill and Dale Garden Club. In addition she holds a membership in the Royal Horticulture Society. In 1965 she won a Potted Plant Award for Merit in her work with Hill and Dale.

The Ziskas are members of St. Fabian's parish and daughter, Michelle, 7, was the first child baptized when the church was formed.

"That summer," Kathy recalls, "I felt that I should take on a project and do something for the baptismal font in the new church. Since we couldn't afford the \$350 total cost I obtained a list of all the children baptized at the church and contacted each of the families that summer."

She raised the total cost of the font and made the gift to the parish from all of the families that summer.

In addition to all these activities Kathy collects recipes, makes flower arrangements, enjoys square dancing and belongs to a hobby club whose hobby is "having fun."

The Ziskas lived in Dearborn before moving to the Township where Kathy worked in the Dearborn Building Department. She was the first woman permit clerk in the department.

Kathy's husband, Joseph, is a salesman for the Perlees Chemical Company in Detroit. They have two children, Mark, 14, a student at Dundell Junior High, and Michelle, who attends Woodale Elementary School.

Government Needs Is Committee Topic

The Feb. 7 meeting of the Study Committee on the Incorporation of Farmington Township will consider "Local governmental needs of the community, present and future." The session, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. at the North Farmington High School. The school is located on 13 Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Rd.

City Park Report To Go to Council

Farmington City Manager John Dinan reports that the City's Planning Commission will submit a park committee report to the City Council for action. Dinan said that if the Council approves the report the City will then be able to make application for federal funds under the open space permit clerk in the department.

It has been reported that the Commission reports that the acquisition of 38 acres of park land in the city would cost an estimated \$90,000. Under the open space program matching federal funds would reduce the cost to the city to \$45,000.

Student Art Exhibit in Farmington

A total of 50 pieces of art by Oakland County school children will be on exhibit in the heart of downtown of the City of Farmington for two weeks beginning Feb. 11. The work will be displayed in store front windows in Grand River east of Farmington Rd.

The Student Art Travelling Exhibit of Oakland Art Education Association was chosen from the show hung at the Northland Center last spring. Students from all parts of the County are represented in the exhibition.

This exhibit was on display at the recent Farmington Public Schools Teacher Workshop and at the Woodale P.T.A.

Master Plan to Be Mailed During March

Copies of the City of Farmington's new comprehensive master plan will be mailed to residents "about March 15" according to an announcement by City Manager John Dinan. He added that after the plan is mailed out the City's Planning Commission hopes to have a public hearing on the plan "sometime in April" prior to taking final action.

Senior Citizens Have Month Left to Apply

Farmington's senior citizens haven't been battering down the doors to apply for the new Senior Citizens Tax Exemption since the first of the year—in order to qualify one must make application by Feb. 28.

In the city only 57 citizens have turned in the proper forms, while in Township Supervisor Curt Hall's office reports that 163 citizens have been into the office to apply. The forms may be picked up at the City Assessor's office.

When returning the forms in the City or applying for the exemption in the Township it is necessary to produce a birth certificate and proof of property. If a birth certificate is not available proof of age may be furnished by a Baptismal Certificate. Affidavit from the Social Security Administration; voters registration, the family Bible or an insurance policy.

In order to qualify for the property tax exemption of up to \$2,500 of the State equalized valuation it is necessary:

- To be 65 years of age or over and a resident of the State for at least seven consecutive years.
- The ownership of all real property does not exceed \$10,000 of State equalized valuation. This includes the total amount for all real property held in the State.
- The combined gross income of the property owners does not exceed \$5,000 annually.

Those senior citizens who qualify will receive the tax exemption for the 1966 tax year.

Conrad Sullivan Is Exchange Club Head

Conrad Sullivan was installed today (Wednesday) as president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the group's annual meeting at the Salem United Church of Christ.

Other officers are: John Dinan, first vice president and program chairman; Dr. John Richardson, second vice president; and Jay Stevens, third vice president.

Members of the Board of Control are: Dick Habicht; Earl Lavery; Thomas Duke; Ned Oglesby; Ed Blumberg; Thomas Cox; and "Gee" Roberts.

Around Farmington

A sign is up on the Howell Pencil property in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park. Company officials would only say they planned to construct an office building on the site next to Diamond Automation in "about six months." Previous reports placed the size of the building at 10,000 square feet.

J. Richardson Honored By Jaycees for Service

Dr. John Richardson was named the recipient of the Farmington Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award for 1965 at a special dinner Saturday evening.

The award is made annually by the Jaycees to the man between the ages of 21 and 35 who has given unselfishly to the community during the past year. The D.S.A. is made on the basis of all around action in Farmington.

Richardson is a member of the Exchange Club—and was just installed as a vice president of that organization today (Wednesday). In addition he is a member of the Board of Commerce, an officer in the Alta Loma Subdivision Association, and active in the First Methodist Church of Farmington.

He has been general chairman of the Farmington Goodfellowes Drive for the past two years and is a member and past president of the Farmington Jaycees. He is the community development chairman of the Jaycees and it was under his direction that the community attitude survey was conducted.

As if this were not enough, Richardson finds time to attend most of the Farmington City Council meetings. He also conducts a veterinary practice in the City.

Richardson and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Thomas, 13, and Mita, 2. Mrs. Richardson adds that "we hope a boy is on the way" to add to the family.

Past Norwalk Jaycee president, said that Richardson was the most deserving of the many worthy candidates. Jim Alstrom, chairman of the award committee, made the presentation.

In accepting the award Richardson said that he was thrilled and honored and that he hoped to continue to work for the betterment of the area. He credited his wife for being the person most responsible for any success he has had.

Michael Kiley, executive assistant to the publishers of the Farmington Enterprise, received a special citizens award from the Jaycees at the same dinner.

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Benner Named to Library Post

Mark Benner was elected president of the Farmington Friends of the Library at the 26th Directors meeting Jan. 26.

Others elected for the year are: Clifford Meredith, vice president; Robert Higgs, treasurer; Mrs. John Smith, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Richard Frankel, recording secretary. Mrs. H. Gibson will serve as historian, while Mrs. H. Dowling is the membership chairman.

George DuGan was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by the resignation of Mrs. John Mann.

Plans for the upcoming year include a meeting devoted to rare books, a talk on book type and production and discussions of mystery stories and of children's books.



DR. JOHN V. RICHARDSON