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Highway Dept. Sets Hearing

The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing next month on the proposed reconstruction of the extension of Northwestern Highway from Telegraph Rd. to M-275, a planned north-south highway.

(See map, page 6-A.)

The hearing will be held at 8 p.m., Oct. 13 in the North Farmington High School gymnasium at 3500 Thirteenth St. Rd. in Farmington Township.

Purpose of the hearing is to explain state plans for the proposed construction and to hear testimony from interested citizens regarding the highway's effect upon the local communities.

The highway department's engineering report on the \$23.7 million project proposes that the existing Northwestern route from Telegraph Rd. to its present ending point at Orchard Lake Rd. be widened to allow for a six-lane freeway.

The present road right-of-

way is 204 feet. Under the department's plans the right-of-way would be widened to 318 feet.

Plans also call for the route to be extended in a northerly direction to tie into the M-275 highway west of Haggerty Rd.

The M-275 roadway is planned for construction in sometime after 1972. It is planned to become part of a major north-south axis through Oakland, Wayne and Monroe Counties.

Extension of Northwestern entails purchase of a 300-foot right-of-way from Orchard Lake Rd. to the proposed interchange with M-275 at a point south of Oakley Park Rd. between Haggerty and Welsh Rds.

Interchanges would be built at Franklin and 12 Mile Rds., Orchard Lake and 13 Mile Rds., Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Rds., 15 Mile Rd. and Pontiac Trail.

Traffic would feed into the Northwestern route from the existing interchange of I-696 and US-24 in Southfield.

Preliminary plan calls for a six-lane freeway from I-696 to 15 Mile Rd. and four lanes from 15 Mile Rd. to the M-275 Freeway.

The highway department estimates that it will have to acquire 170 parcels of property, including 33 homes and 31 commercial establishments at a total cost of about \$6.5 million to obtain the right-of-way.

Actual construction cost has been estimated at \$20.3 million and engineering costs and other contingencies are estimated at about \$3 million.

The department's schedule calls for the letting of construction contracts in 1971. No date has been set for actual construction.

The M-275 road — expected to cost about \$21 million — will run for 13.5 miles from I-96 east of Novi to M-39.

John Bruff To Open New Dem Station

John Bruff, candidate for Michigan Lieutenant Governor will use in Farmington next Sunday, Sept. 25 to formally dedicate the newly opened headquarters of the Farmington Democratic Club.

The headquarters is located at 2362 Farmington Road, near Grand River — until recently the site of the popular Pit Shop and the same location the Democrats used in the 1964 election.

Bruff, running-mate to Zolten Ferency, Democratic candidate for Governor, will cut the ribbon officially opening the headquarters at about 12:30 p.m.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi said the local Democrats were elated that Bruff was able to fit the dedication into his busy schedule.

"Mr. Bruff is a resident of the suburbs and therefore is familiar with the problems of an area like Farmington," Vagnozzi said.

The dedication ceremony is open to the public. It will be brief, Vagnozzi promised, and children are welcome. Coffee and cookies will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Vagnozzi also welcomed residents to drop into headquarters and volunteer their services or "just browse around."

Students on class assignments dealing with the political campaign are also welcome.

The headquarters can be reached by calling 476-3990.

No Place To Hold Used Book Sale

As of deadline time, the American Association of University Women did not have a place to hold their annual used book sale.

The book sale will be held, according to co-chairman Mrs. Richard Frankel, and thousands of books are all ready to be snatched up by eager bargain hunters.

The sale will start on Thursday, September 29, Mrs. Frankel said, and announcement of the time and place will be in next week's Enterprise.



FARMINGTON RESIDENT, Mrs. Thomas Duke (center), 2133 Forestbrook Drive, looks on while Oakland County United Foundation Chairman, Mrs. William L. McCracken (left), accompanied by the 1966 Torch Drive goal of \$24.53 from Mrs. Paul C. Cryderman, co-chairman for Community

Campaign-Residential. Mrs. Duke is a region chairman in charge of residential solicitors who will call on private homes in the Farmington area. The drive, to be held from October 18 through November 10 will seek \$24.53 million for the support of almost 200 health and community services.

Skating Rinks Slated For 2 Magic Squares

At the Monday meeting of the City Council, a recommendation was approved to construct a skating rink on the Magic Squares at Cloverdale and Flanders Schools. An asphalt curbing will be installed to provide the necessary water retention, and temporary lighting facilities introduced at each site.

DeMaestri and Sons, Inc. were awarded the contract for the sidewalk program to be completed this year as they were the low bidders at \$10,054.80. Although the bids are higher than estimated, Manager John Dinan believes that the assessment can be kept at 50 cents per square foot as this would allow two cents per square foot for engineering and administration.

Pedestrian crosswalks will be marked at two spots in the central business district in an attempt to channel jaywalkers crossing Grand River and Farmington Roads. One will be placed at a point on Grand River between Farmington

Rd. and Warner St. Another will be located at the intersection of State St. and Farmington Rd. It is hoped that these two clearly marked walkways will reduce the pedestrian confusion which adds so much to the hazards of traffic.

A letter from the Jaycees stated that there is a general

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City Rec. Program Set For Winter

The Farmington City Recreation Department will begin a 25-week fall and winter recreational program this Sunday.

Classes to be offered include Square dance instruction for beginners and intermediates, men's gym, ladies' gym, children's gym and instructional and open swimming for all age groups.

Square dance classes will meet at Cloverdale Elementary School from 8 to 10 p.m. The intermediate class will meet on Monday nights and the beginners class will be held on Wednesday nights.

The beginner's class is open

to all persons. The intermediate class is for those with some background in square dancing. Cost is \$1 per couple. Registrations will be taken during the first class session.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wood will host both groups.

THE GYM PROGRAM is free of charge and will be held at Farmington Junior High School. The classes will consist of exercises and indoor athletics to be from 8 to 10 p.m., with men's classes on Tuesday nights and women's on Wednesday nights.

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Chief Yakes Plans Cycle Crackdown

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes announced today that due to an increase in the number of complaints being received by his force, they will have to be placed on an overtime schedule. He also stated that there will be swift firm action taken against any unlawful assemblies and disturbances.

These decisions were made because of the recent occurrences in the Township involving large groups of motorists requiring large number of officers to handle them.

Chief Yakes warns that prosecution will follow any

disorderly act and all regulations covering motorcycles will be strictly enforced.

During the week, a congregation of 150 cyclists at Salisbury and Tack Rd. caused the Township force a good deal of trouble, and a so-called "kidnapping" incident which started out in Livonia boiled over into the section of the Township where the Eight-Grand Bar is located. Twenty cyclists were picked up there on suspicion of breaking and entering a Livonia residence from which a four year old boy was allegedly abducted.

Self Goal Torch Drive

"Target '66" for Oakland County women Torch Drive volunteers is \$294,539.

Torch Drive is a residential campaign. Mrs. Paul C. Cryderman of Armada, announced the residential goals for the 18th annual campaign at a top leadership conference in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel last week.

Each of the five unit chairmen was allocated a quota to be raised in her region during the 1966 campaign which starts October 18 and runs through November 10.

Mrs. Cryderman said the total Torch Drive goal of \$24.53 million is the highest ever set.

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Planners To Hold Two Hearings

Two public hearings, a request for multiple zoning, and a proposed P.U.D. subdivision are among several items on the Township Planning Commission's agenda for this Thursday evening, September 21.

One public hearing is for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate underground utility requirements and the other is an amendment relative to restricting the size and height of outdoor display signs.

The request for multiple zoning will be made by C. J. Thorpe, owner of two lots at 31285 Freedom Drive between Ruth Street and Orchard Lake Road. The lots, 42 acres each, are presently zoned B-3, general business classification.

The Thompson-Brown Company will present a preliminary plat for a P.U.D. subdivision, Independence Commons, to be located on the west side of Drake Road, south of 11 Mile Road. The 200 acre site contains 360 lots presently zoned RA-1, single family residential classification.

OTHER ITEMS scheduled for consideration are:

- Final plat for Farm Meadows Subdivision;
- Site plat approval for Kendallwood Apartments on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road;
- Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance defining required distances from houses and side lot lines for separate garages;
- Discussion of request to split Outlot C on LaMura Drive into four or six lots;
- Planning consultant Leonard's recommendation on a preliminary plat for Chatham Hills Subdivision;
- Discussion on public hearing to be held by Livonia City Planning Commission on pending property on Deering Street, south of Eight Mile Road, to general business classification; and
- Report on Michigan Society of Planning Officials October convention to take place in Petoskey, Michigan.

Gunman Fires At Residence

Early last Saturday evening a gunman stood in front of the Earl Stampert residence at 21713 Roosevelt and fired seven times with a .22 caliber weapon. He aimed directly at the front door and one of the shots went through the door, according to the report made by Officer George Geddes, of the Township Police force.

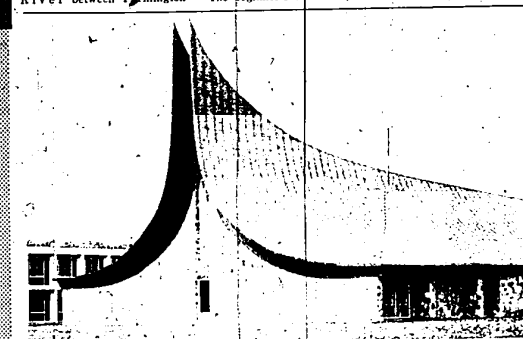
At the time the shots were fired there were about six persons in the home and the police claim it was a miracle that none of them was hit. It was one of the most daring shootings the Township has had in some time.

The search for the gunman has been on since the time of the shooting at 8:40 p.m. Saturday evening and a warrant charging careless use of firearms has been issued.

The police have several suspects. It is just a question of locating them and they hope the chase will be narrowed down within the next few days. All police in the community have been alerted and the hunt is on.



RON TAYLOR, president of Farmington Kiwanis, shows what to expect on Sept. 23 and 24 in Farmington when the club conducts its annual Peanut Sale. Proceeds are used for underprivileged kids.



THE NOVITIATE CHAPEL of the Sisters of Mercy Provincialate at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads is one of a complex of buildings to be dedicated this weekend. (See picture, page 6A.) Its copper roof which curves and ascends, symbolizing raised hands, has already become a landmark, particularly for travelers on the I-696 expressway.

Sisters of Mercy Provincialate To Be Dedicated This Week End

A Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Detroit, Province will dedicate their new headquarters at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington this week-end, September 24 and 25.

In addition to the Provincialate nerve center for the administration of the Province, Mother of Mercy Novitiate and Our Lady of Mercy High School are included in the complex situated on a 150-acre tract of Michigan land.

much of it still in its natural state.

A solemn high Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. John F. Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, Saturday at 11 a.m. The Most Rev. Charles A. Salata, Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, will give the homily. Dinner will follow for 800 invited guests; state and county officials, clergy, Sisters of Mercy, and professional societies.

THE THREE BUILDINGS will be open to the public Sunday, September 25, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Simplicity was the principal concept of Giffels and Rossetti, Detroit architects who designed the complex. The white colonnades fronting the Provincialate and Novitiate lend a graceful sweep to the low structure, which eventually rises to the dominant point of the Novitiate chapel. The chapel's copper roof curves and ascends, symbolizing raised hands.

The buildings' materials of native field stone and exposed, sand-blasted concrete are surrounded by both landscaped areas and natural wild settings. Sculptured, outdoor stations of the cross lead to a white concrete and bronze shrine on a small peninsula.

A low separates the Provincialate and Novitiate from the

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FARMINGTON PARENTS ARE LETTING THEIR children miss a really delightful experience if they don't take them to see the Players' production of "Many Moons." It is a charming play, colorfully costumed, and which has been adapted from a James Thurber story, and the kids will love every minute of it. Performances will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 at 1 and 3 p.m.

CONRAD HILTON, JUSTLY FAMOUS as Elizabeth Taylor's very first father-in-law, stated in an interview with a national magazine that he always yearned to own the Waldorf Astoria because someone called up and asked to speak to the King, the switch board-girl would answer, "Which King, please?"

HE ALSO SAID, "WE BELIEVE that we are helped out world peace by having these hotels. We have found out that, although people may be mad at each other, once they come into our hotel, they are no longer mad." How that simplifies everything. Now all we need do is register one of them. H. C. Minn, and N. C. Ky, and the hawks and doves will have nothing left to ruffle their feathers. What's more we can cross Vietnam off our worry list.

A RELEASE THROUGH THE MAIL with a letterhead of The Society for the Preservation of the Crow led us at first to believe that it was concerned about another feathered friend. However, it turned out that cash awards totaling \$4,000 are going begging because nobody is turning in the antique Old Crow Hourbon bottles which they are seeking. An area with the rich heritage of Farmington's should surely be able to unearth some of these rare "medicine" containers.

ONE OF THE GIRLS AT THE OFFICE doesn't share our enthusiasm for the big black deacons of the serial congregation. One of them was viciously attacked her in her own Kendallwood backyard and she still bears the scars. When asked if she would like to join the Preservation of the Crow society, she quoth, "Nevermore."

by Shirley Berger

1/4 Mill For Twp. Park To Appear on Nov. Ballot

Farmington Township will profit to the extent of at least one park if the proposal advanced by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors at its meeting Monday morning is accepted.

After making a comprehensive study of conditions and land use in the entire county, the Supervisors agreed to place on the ballot at the November election a proposal for the addition of one-quarter mill to the tax rate for the acquisition and development of parks in the heavily populated areas.

"At the present time, we have only one park in the Township," Curt Hall, Township Supervisor pointed out, "and even that is most difficult to find."

"It is a five acre plot near Glen Oaks golf course and we are sadly in need of a park in the south end of the Township. This can almost be assured if the voters accept the proposal."

While there is little time to work on the proposal between now and election, the Supervisors are of the opinion that the voters will recognize the need of parks and will approve the quarter mill increase.

The proposal also is the outgrowth of a study on the use of land and it was agreed that parks and park areas play an important role in the modern concept — especially in such wide open places as Farmington Township.

Aside from the park proposal the Supervisors are also proposing to place a proposal on the ballot for approval of a merit system for all County employees. This idea had been of much interest in the Township and for this reason was given approval by the Supervisors.

Along with the two issues proposed on the ballot, the Supervisors also agreed to a county welfare agency with the state's.

John Lee Ott To Stand Trial

The trial of John Lee Ott who is being held for the murder of Donald Garrahan last June 10 is scheduled for Friday morning, Sept. 23.

The trial will be held before Judge Byron Walter in the Township Court House.