

Ask For Zoning Hearing

Residents of Franklin Fairways and Old Franklin Towne requested the Farmington Township Board to allow them an opportunity to state objections to the proposed Franklin Gateways development at the corner of Middle Belt and Northwestern Highway.

Maynard M. Gordon, an abutting property owner at 32068 Old Franklin Drive, formally requested a public hearing in a letter to the township board.

The controversial proposal for the 15 acre parcel would include the building of 32 single family homes and 120 apartments.

DEVELOPER Ivan Frankel, told the township planning commission that in his proposal each existing single family home would be abated by single family homes.

Opposition to the proposed development has been simmering in the area for more than a year. While the Old Franklin Towne Subdivision Association had not taken any stand on the question, the Franklin Forest and Fairways Association has gone on record as opposed to the idea.

The Franklin group has hired Attorney Wendell Brown to fight the proposal.

At its Jan. 4 meeting the township planning commission unanimously recommended the zoning changes to the township board. Currently the land is zoned for single family residences.

It is expected that the rezoning matter will come up at the township board's Feb. 5 session. From the planning commission it is sent to the Oakland County Coordinating Committee for approval.

IN HIS LETTER, Gordon asserts: "I strongly feel that, in approving the rezoning for apartments, the Planning Commission ignored the fact that Section One of the township is an area of one family residences with well-defined aesthetic characteristics and high valuations."

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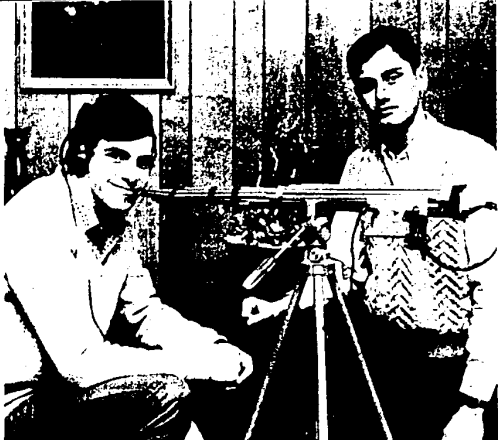
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SOUND-SNOOPER - Bill Karavanas (left) American Field Service exchange student from Greece, shares an interest in electronics with his American "brother," David Crompton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crompton, 33533 Colony Park Dr., Farmington. A ham radio operator, David built the listening device which the boys are testing.

Orthodox Greek Enjoys Yankee Baptist Church

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN Staff Writer

When Bill Karavanas, American Field Service exchange student living this year with the Robert Cromptons, 33533 Colony Park Dr., Farmington, went to call on his first Farmington girl he got the surprise of his life.

In his Greek homeland, boys don't just casually call girls. Bill expected the door to be slammed in his face.

He even expected to have the phone hung up on him. If so much as telephoned a girl.

"That's why I like so much the American girls," says Bill with a happy grin. "They are so friendly—I think to all boys—not just to me."

A MEMBER of the Greek Orthodox Church, Bill also got a surprise when he attended

Covenant Baptist Church with his host family.

In his church, men sit on one side, women on the other.

He may now be what could be called an Orthodox Baptist.

"I really like the Baptist Church. It's interesting for me," he explains. "And I really like the organ music."

(Orthodox ritual has no music.)

Bill's Greek name is "Vasilios," but he says, "In Greece, everybody with my name is called Bill."

Bill has become a thoroughgoing Yankee in more than one name.

He's developed a deep affection for American apple pie, sloppy Joes and movies on television.

The five or six sloppy Joes he puts away at one sitting may be responsible for the 17 pounds he's gained since he has been here.

BILL'S FATHER is a church sexton in his home town of Larissa, a railway center about 23 miles from Mt. Olympus with a population of 80,000.

Like his Farmington "brother," David Crompton, the Greek youth is interested in electronics. David's ham radio equipment fascinates him because the cost of it would be more than tripled in Greece.

Unlike David, Bill's student life may be limited. David's North Farmington High grades

assure him entrance to college, but Bill has to pass a stiff exam to enter.

If he doesn't go on to the university, Bill will enter vocational-type school to become an electrical technician.

He has the three years background for this trigonometry, but didn't enroll for it at NFI.

"I have calculators and you have inches," he says. "I would be a little stiff to translate."

ALTHOUGH he adjusted quickly to such things as inches, the boy from Larissa had a little trouble adjusting to the Cromptons' pet pooch. In Greece no one keeps animals as pets and the Crompton pooch's freedom around the house startled him.

"Although," he notes, "I don't know how you say it—a woman when she gets married—will have a little bird."

Marriage is combined with a dowry in Greece, although Bill says, "If the boy loves the girl he can marry her without getting any money. But he likes to get money."

Dowry run as high as 150,000 drachmas (\$3,000) and Bill says, "That's not much."

Along with a penchant for sloppy Joes and apple pie, the Crompton Greek son has become adept at Yankee slang.

"The only thing, though," he comments, "I can't say, 'It's Greek to me'."

FARC Sets Driver Program At 8 Schools

From Saturday, Jan. 20, through Saturday, Feb. 24, the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will again offer its annual six-week winter recreational program for youngsters between the ages eight through six grades.

Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to noon and are free of charge. No registration is required. Children are free to come and go as they please. Participants are asked to wear gym shoes.

Classes will meet at eight schools: Cloverdale, Eagle, Kenbrook, William George, Bond, Beechview, Gill Road and Shilavasee.

Richard Kay Kelm, 18, of 21741 Purdue, Farmington, has been held blameless in the only traffic fatality which has occurred in Farmington Township since so far in 1968, police announced this week.

An automobile driven by Kelm struck and killed a 72-year-old pedestrian, James Warren McCracken, when the latter was crossing Nine Mile Rd. at Cora the evening of Jan. 3.

McCracken was walking home from his place of work on Grand River at the time.

Kelm told township police that he was in the act of passing another eastbound car on Nine Mile when he struck McCracken. Police verified that the latter was dressed entirely in dark clothing.

Farmington Socially Speaking

by Kath Zick GR 4-2841

Those of us who haven't given a thought to our feathered friends, might like to do so, especially with the heavy snows we've been experiencing. We don't feel it's spring unless we see that first robin and hear the birds chirp. So, let's do something to make sure we have a few of them left, come spring.

A few crumbs of dry bread scattered, in the least you can do and takes no time or effort. If you want to do a little more as a recipe collector, I have in my files, a bird feed recipe (thanks to Myra Kruger and Ruth

Trombley).

It's a fun recipe, and you're doing nature a tremendous favor besides. Here we go! Melt down suet in a pan. Blend peanut butter well. Then add corn meal and stir occasionally until cool so it won't end up on the bottom. Pour into muffin tins and refrigerate. It can be placed in the freezer and put out as often as needed.

A STATUS symbol of late has been, how many trees and their variety your property encompasses and the variety and number of feathered friends you

have visiting!

Friends and neighbors of Farmington, wish to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Victor Waskowski, of Suman Circle, on the recent departure of their wife and mother, Charlotte. Charlotte was well known in the area. The family being Farmington natives for 12 years and members of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce, at this time, the new pastoral appointment for Father Frank (as he was known to most of his parish-

ioners at St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile Rd.) Szankowski, to St. Lucy's Parish in St. Clair Shores. We'd like to surprise Father Frank by attending mass in a group, next Sunday. If you are interested in attending, call Gerrie Graczyk at GR 4-7467 in the evening.

CARL LICHT, of Pillsbury Dr., has been elected Eastern Seal Chairman of Western Wayne County and named member of the 15 member board of directors of the Easter Seal Society.

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