Wonderland Business Booms; Taub Heads Merchants Council

Approaching the end of its first decade, Wonderland Center still reigns as one of the most successful regional shopping centers in Detroit's sprawl-



Edward Taub

Edward Taub, veteran retailer and manager of the Federal Department Store at Wonderland, has been elected president of the center's Merchants' Commil.

Taub, who has been with the Detroitbased chain for 14 years, will head a seven-member board of directors which governs the center's advertising and public relations programs.

Other board members include Thomas Becker, Montgomery Ward; Raymond Hiebel, F.W. Woolworth; Robert Keylon, Lerner Shops; John Michlewicz, Livonia National Bank; William Marcus, Rashit's; and Louis Segel, Wonderland Center.

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Since its formal opening in October, 1959, the 57-store shopping complex has enjoyed steady increases in sales volume, according to Wonderland officials.

Developed on a 73-acre site at Plymouth Road and Middlebelt by Abe Green and Henry Alper, Wonderland ranks as one of the nation's mostprosperous regional shopping centers.

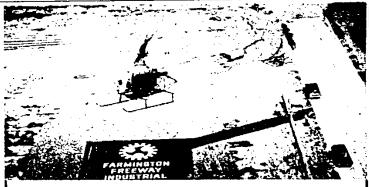
MONTGOMERY WARD, principal link in a chain of leading department and specialty stores, has consistently led all other Ward stores in the Detroit district, Sales volume of Ward's Wonderland unit is the highest of the company's 500 stores.

Wonderland's second-largest tenant, Federal's, is one of the Detroit-based department-store chain's most successful units. The store is nearing the end of an expansion program which will add several new lines of merchandise, including a complete paint and hardware department.

Edward Taub, Federal's manager, reported that the Livonia store has experienced "substantial annual increases" during its 8 1/2 year history. "We are extremely confident that this prosperity will continue," he added.

Several Wonderland stores are in the process of remodeling and expansion. Among those, Kinney Shoes will add 1,300 square feet to its present 4,900 square-foot facility. When completed, the store will be one of the largest in the Kinney chain.

Mary Jane Shoes has also planned a major remodeling program.





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