

Thayer Duo Linked To City's Past

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

The people who live at 33603 Grand River in the center of Farmington probably know more Farmington background, present and past, between them than almost anybody in town. The address happens to be that of the Howard Thayer home, owned by nine-year city Councilman Howard Thayer, who is a descendant of Farmington's earliest settlers.

But Thayer's wife, Joyce, MRS. THAYER was born

here, is a member of the last class to graduate from old Farmington High School and was brought up in a home that used to be located a few paces east of where the Dairy Queen stand now is.

Today she sees many things different in her town and says, "One end of town to the other—everything's changed. Out where Chatham Hills now is, was what used to be the Smith estate. When Kenneth Wilcox, there was nothing but fields."

Joyce Thayer is much too young to be classified as an old-timer, but she has a seasoned maturity about her role as the wife of a councilman and the wife of a local mental director.

SHE IS PROUD of her husband's endeavors.

She notes that Thayer opened his first funeral home in Vernon, Mich., when he was just 21 years old and then returned to Farmington where he will have been in the funeral business 29 years on April 14. Asked about public reaction to her husband's business, she replied, "Some people make bad jokes about it. And some will ask odd questions."

"Others will say 'Aren't you afraid to live here?' That, I don't see at all. I have a perfectly normal routine."

MRS. THAYER handles all the housework in Thayer's large establishment herself, including the public section and the private apartment. She did have help keeping up the household at one time but didn't like it. "Besides," she says, "I like housework—I really do. And anyway, the majority of people are respectful when they come here."

She must like housework, because from one end to the other, the entire place sparkles with cleanliness. Because she is so busy scrubbing and polishing and helping her husband conduct his business, she has little free time for her own pursuits.

"I'd like to join clubs and do other things," she notes, "but I have to postpone so many things as this."

Because the Thayers are usually at home, the public knows he is more accessible by telephone than the other city councilmen.

"And people do call him," says the councilman's wife. "They know he is always here. But we believe that anybody who runs for the council should know he's there to listen to the people. No matter how busy Howard may be, I always make sure he returns phone calls."

ON RARE OCCASIONS, Mrs. Thayer has had a personal interest in some action the council may be taking.

"If Howard doesn't listen to me," she laughs, "I always tell him I'm going to call Mr. Yoder (Councilman Ralph Yoder). That usually makes him listen."

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, March 28, 1968
8:00 P.M.
at
O. E. DUNCKEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
32800 Twelve Mile Road

The Farmington Township Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Rezoning Request No. 107, a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance which would rezone property described as Lot No. 4 in Supervisor's Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road Plat No. 2, in the SE 1/4 of Section 22 from its present RA-1 Single Residential Classification to P-1 Parking District Classification.

This property is located on the north side of Ten Mile Road immediately west of the present business zoning at the NW corner of Middlebelt and Ten Mile Roads.

Any person who may be interested is invited to participate in discussion of the proposed change.

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A COLLECTOR'S ITEM — Mrs. Howard Thayer, the councilman's wife, houses her collection of crystal and china in a piece of furniture that is a collector's item. Thayer's family brought the desk, with its buried, roll-top front from their home in Farmington, N.Y., when they came here as the city's early settlers.

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The Farmington Township Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Rezoning Request No. 108, a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance which would rezone the east 1/2 of Lot 34 and all of Lot 35 of Brookside Park Subdivision, in the SE 1/4 of Section 35, from its present RA-3 Single Residential District Classification to SP-1 Special Purpose District Classification. The SP-1 Special Purpose District Classification is a classification zoned only upon request of the property owner and permits the construction and use of the property for convalescent rest homes or homes for the aged in accordance with the specific conditions required by the Ordinance.

The property is located on the south side of Eldred Avenue immediately west of Middlebelt, with frontage upon Middlebelt and Eldred Avenue. On the south the property borders upon property presently zoned light industrial.

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The Farmington Township Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Rezoning Request No. 110, a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance which would rezone property described as follows from its present RC-3 Multiple Residential District Classification to O-2 Office District Classification.

Part of the East 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, T1N, R9E, beginning at a point in the south line of Section 20 distant 270 ft. due west of the south 1/2 corner of Section 20, thence due west along the section line 536.50 ft., thence north 0 deg. 16 min. 40 sec. West 410 ft., thence due east 536.50 ft., thence south 0 deg. 16 min. 40 sec. east 410 ft., to the point of beginning.

This property is a part of the Independence Green Apartment Development which is bounded on the west by property owned by the Farmington School District and presently occupied by an unused one-room school. The portion to be rezoned has 536.50 ft. of frontage on Grand River Avenue running east from the school property and has a depth of 410 ft. It is bounded on the north by a portion of the Independence Green property which is zoned B-2 Community Business District Classification, and on the east by a portion of the Independence Green Multiple development. Across Grand River Avenue to the south is the City of Farmington.

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The Farmington Township Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Rezoning Request No. 111, a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance, which would rezone the property described as follows from its present RA-3 Single Residential District Classification to RC-3 Multiple Residential District Classification and O-2 Office Building Classification.

All of the following property would be rezoned to the RC-3 Classification except that part which would be rezoned to Office and which is described below:

Lot No. 1, Brookside Park Subdivision of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan. As recorded in Liber 19, page 4, Oakland County Records.

Also a parcel of land located in part of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point where the South Line of Assessor's Grand River Homes State Subdivision intersects the center line of Schweitzer (now Middlebelt) Road, thence N 87 deg. 55 min. W 71.13 ft.; thence N 57 deg. 42 min. W 123.14 ft.; thence N 87 deg. 55 min. W 265.48 ft.; thence S 1 deg. 48 min. W 125.00 ft.; thence S 87 deg. 55 min. E 44.1 ft.; thence N 1 deg. 48 min. E 60.00 ft.; thence S 87 deg. 55 min. E 404.00 ft. to the center line of Schweitzer (now Middlebelt) Road, thence N along the center line of Schweitzer Road 2.00 ft. to the point of beginning.

Also, a parcel of land located in part of SE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at the NE corner of Brookside Park Sub., thence N along the center line of Schweitzer (now Middlebelt) Road, 90.00 ft.; thence W 404.00 ft.; thence S 60.00 ft. to the north line of Brookside Park Sub.; thence E along the north line of Brookside Park Sub. 404.00 ft. to the point of beginning.

The following portion of the above described property would be rezoned to the O-2 Classification.

A parcel of land located in part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T1N, R9E, Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point where the south line of Assessor's Grand River Homes State Subdivision intersects the center line of Schweitzer (now Middlebelt) Road, thence N 87 deg. 55 min. W 71.13 ft.; thence N 57 deg. 42 min. W 55.00 ft.; thence S 81.00 ft. Thence N 87 deg. 55 min. W 64.00 ft.; thence S 122.00 ft.; thence S 87 deg. 55 min. E 64.00 ft.; thence N 87 deg. 55 min. E 87.00 ft.; thence N 87 deg. 55 min. E 37.00 ft.; thence N 87 deg. 55 min. E 37.00 ft. to the point of beginning.

This property is located on the West side of Middlebelt Road a short distance south of Grand River Avenue. The north line of the property begins at the public alley immediately south of the service station on the SW corner of Grand River and Middlebelt. The south line of the property is immediately north of the River Rouge bridge.

The property extends from Middlebelt on the east to a point approximately 30 ft. west of Albion Street. The portion of the property proposed for office uses is the portion fronting on Middlebelt Road.

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Baumunk Helps Plan

Earl Baumunk, director of vocational education in the Farmington schools, has been appointed to an eight-man committee which will map plans for the area skills center for high school students which will be located in Walled Lake.

Development of the center for 11th and 12th graders was provided for in a special tax millage levy which was approved for vocational training by county voters more than a year ago.

There will be four such units in Oakland County, and the one in Walled Lake will serve students from Farmington and

Clarenceville schools. It is expected to open in 1970.

Others on the Walled Lake planning committee are:

Murray Adams, coordinator of secondary education, Walled Lake; Lester Carlson, director of vocational education, Walled Lake; William Adams, principal, South Lyon High School; Elton Van Spybroek, principal, Midford High School; Norman Frid, trade and industrial coordinator, Clarenceville Schools; Gerald Hartman, principal, Novi High School; and Harvey Sterns, assistant superintendent of West Bloomfield schools.

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS

An Assessment Roll of all property in the City of Farmington subject to taxation, has been prepared by the City Assessor and said Roll will be subject to inspection at the office of the City Assessor in the Municipal Building, 23800 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan.

On Tuesday, March 5, 1968
From 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the afternoon and

On Monday, March 11, 1968
From 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the afternoon and

On Tuesday, March 12, 1968
From 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and

On Wednesday, March 13, 1968
From 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the evening

The Board of Review will be in session and upon request of any person who is assessed on said Roll he, agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, correct the assessment on such property in such a manner as will in their judgment make a value relatively just and equal.

Such Assessment Roll reviewed by said Board of Review shall be the Assessment Roll of the City of Farmington for the year of 1968.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk

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The Farmington Township Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance which would rezone property described as follows from its present RA-2 Single Residential Classification and B-2 General Business District Classification to B-4 Planned General Business District Classification. The proposed amendment includes rezoning request No. 105.

The West 1/4 of Lot No. 2 of Oakland Hills Orchards Subdivision, of part of the West 1/2 of Section 11, Farmington Township, would be rezoned from B-3 to B-4 Classification.

The East 1/4 of Lot No. 2 and all of Lots No. 3, through 12, inclusive of Oakland Hills Orchards Subdivision would be rezoned from RA-2 to B-4 Classification.

The property is located on the west side of Orchard Lake Road and includes all the lots fronting on Orchard Lake Road from Thirteen Mile Road to Burbank Street except Lot No. 1 at Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Road and Lot No. 13 at Burbank and Orchard Lake Road.

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