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Taubman's Center Proposal Moves (Just) Out Of Town

By DAN McCOSH

A 200-acre regional shopping center turned down two years ago by the Farmington Township board may end up in West Bloomfield, just a mile north of the township line.

HTK Corp., backed in part by two Southfield men, Alfred Taubman and Richard Kughn, has applied for rezoning of a 197-acre parcel north of 15 Mile, between Haggerty and Halstead.

The West Bloomfield planning commission voted recently to hold a public hearing on the zoning Feb. 13.

THE PLANNED regional center is "similar," but smaller than the 300-acre proposal presented to Farmington Township in 1970, according to Kughn, president of the Taubman Corp.

The proposed West Bloomfield site is just two miles north of the original proposed site. Kughn said the Taubman Corp. still owns the land north of 13 Mile between Haggerty and Halstead.

The Farmington planning commission, then including Robert McConnell, currently township supervisor, voted 6-1 to deny the regional center in

1970, followed by a denial by the township board.

Main reason cited was that the center would be in the Walled Lake school district, which would get the bulk of the local taxes on the \$100 million project.

Farmington Township stood to gain \$287,000 a year, about a third of the township's local tax revenue, according to the proponents.

Strong opposition from local subdivision groups concerned with traffic was also heard when the Farmington proposal was under consideration.

The West Bloomfield site is still in the Walled Lake School District.

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Cluster's Coming

A new cluster housing project was approved, and an apartment rezoning was tabled by the Farmington City Planning Commission recently. For a review of the proceedings, turn to:

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To Get Away

Time to get away from the January doldrums, by trying out your do-re-mis, or by giving a theater group some help backstage, or by finding out more about jazz. We have news of all three in our Amusements Section.

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Freedom

Our religion columnist suggests this week that clergymen may be missing a connection between freedom of religion and court decisions felt to threaten freedom of the press. His ideas are in our Church Section.

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Shared Time

This time the term refers to a minister who has been engaged by two Farmington churches to direct an educational program. You can meet him in our Church Section.

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Local Artists

You'll be able to see (and buy) the work of local artists in an art show coming up in Farmington. The show usually attracts 10,000 visitors to look over 3,000 works of art.

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APARTMENT GUIDE



DON'T MISS IT!

Teens Search 'Go Get A Job'

"Get a job" is the title of an old rock hit, and for two days about 50 representatives of this week's students at the three Farmington high schools had a chance to think about it. Wednesday, a "career day," called the "biggest ever" by Youth Employment by YES, the North Farmington Service sponsor Claire Orians, drew students to North Farmington High School.

Thursday, 120 students gathered in Botsford Inn to hear arguments from the business side at a symposium sponsored for the first time this year by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

The career day gave to "tell business' side," ac-

ording to Ed Lane, executive director of the chamber.

Students reacted with some popular misconceptions, including over-estimating the profits of business.

Questions, both during the presentations in the morning and the "encounter sessions" in the afternoon, were mainly aimed at specifics: "Would you prefer another economic system?" for instance drew little response.

On the other hand, women's liberation kicked off a heated discussion in one of the encounter groups. Girls were in the majority of the students attending.



GARY PETERSON, of Omni-Spectra Corp., addressed students at North Farmington High on career day. (Evert photo)



ENCOUNTER -- Students talk with Roger Walker, of Michigan Bell, during one of the encounter sessions. (Evert photo)



WILLIAM SCHIESING (right), won a \$25 savings bond as the "business whiz kid of 1973" by scoring on an eight question test. Robert Smith presents the bond while Carl Schwobel looks on. (Evert photo)

Is End Of The Walk In Sight?

By DAN McCOSH

A year's study of the sidewalk situation in Farmington Township has yielded a report weighing nearly a pound (14½ ounces to be exact) and the expected recommendation: the

township needs more SIDEWALKS, long a problem in quasi-rural areas of Farmington, became a major concern of the township board following the death of a high school student hit by a car while walking on 13 Mile two years ago.

Earl Teeple, then township supervisor, began urging strict enforcement of the ordinance, which requires a sidewalk along major streets. A series of letters and a threatened lawsuit resulted in

the comment from the township supervisor: "I believe we are the last approaching the end of the walk, so to speak," referring to attempts to get developers to comply with the ordinance.

taken by the township board was the establishment of a sidewalk committee later that month (a year ago January). Each board member appointed a committeeman. William Hutton, chairman,

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