

# Hue And Cry Fails To Block 'Y'

## today's hot line observerland

**REDFORD**—The 19th Congressional District Democratic Party Executive Board officially withdrew all sanction from the local Democratic club after a candidate complained about local endorsement procedures. Local club president Joe Patchett said the action meant nothing. "The club will continue to exist," he said.

**REDFORD**—The state Water Resources Commission has joined the township in its fight to stop Sturdy Homes, Inc., from building several new homes in the flood plain of the Smith Drain. The land was under five feet or more of water last month, and the township refused permits for the new homes. The builder took it to circuit court.

**LIVONIA**—City Council refused to sustain Mayor Harvey W. Moulke's veto of the \$9,500 supplement to the state's \$18,000 salary for the two judges of the newly established Livonia District Court. The council voted 6-0 to override. Most of the extra \$19,000 is made up from the \$17,000 check for Municipal Judge James McCann, who will retain one of the two seats on the new court, which begins to function Jan. 1. The other judge will be elected in November. There are six candidates.

**LIVONIA**—With the strike against the building industry practically over and most union workers back on jobs, the Livonia Board of Education got surprisingly low bids on a new elementary school. The best bids for the general contract were within \$3,000 of each other and only a percentage point or two separated the low bidders for sub-contracts. The contractors appeared eager for the \$800,000 job, to be completed within a year.

**PLYMOUTH**—Chamber of Commerce plans third in series of Leadership Conferences at Schoolcraft after unification study is released to public on September 1.

## What's Inside

WE HAVE An unusual number of picture stories for you today:

- A young golf pro with a lot of courage has undertaken to teach a class of ladies who just won't quit. R. T. Thompson tells the tale on Page 1B.
- Betty Frankel, our gardening columnist, takes you on a tour of a Japanese-inspired garden. Page 2C.
- Drama critic Wally Roberts notes that summer playhouses come and go, but the Cherry County Playhouse seems to go on forever. O'Wally tells you on Page 6C.
- When it gets hot, suburban kids take to the libraries, where they find entertaining story hours. Page 1C.

**IN ADDITION**, there's a lot of solid, important information for you:

- Clarenceville School District voters face a big decision on education and taxes next week, and the school board president is worried about apathy. Story and editorial on Page 8A.
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## FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER

### Plans to Raise Carrier Subscription Plan

Beginning with July collections, rates for Carrier Subscription Plan will be increased to fifty cents per month for twice a week delivery.

The price increase is necessary, Circulation Director Fred J. Wright explained, because of the continuing sharp increases in the cost of printing and distributing newspapers.

He emphasized the outstanding job the carriers have been doing on their routes. Some of the increase will be passed on to the carrier, he added.

The fifty cents you pay your carrier each month on the Carrier Subscription Plan assures his success in his first business venture. Be sure to ask for a receipt, which will guarantee delivery of the FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE AND OBSERVER.

A lengthy, vigorous and at times unruly public hearing Thursday night on a rezoning request that would permit construction of a Y.M.C.A. facility at 12 Mile and Farmington Rds., ended in approval by the Township Planning Commission.

Two members of the commission who are active in Y.M.C.A. affairs abstained, but the others voted unanimously

to recommend a change in the zoning classification for 12.22 acres lying between the Denary Shopping Center and homes of Kendallwood subdivision No. 2. Concurrence in the recommendation still must be voted by the Township Board of Trustees for rezoning from an RA-2 designation (single family residence) to SP-3 (special purpose) to take effect.

NEARLY 100 Kendallwood

residents jammed the hearing room in Denary Junior High School, opponents of using this site for the proposed Y.M.C.A. appearing to outnumber proponents by a 2-1 ratio.

Temper flared often during the debate, and at one point Chairman Charles C. Lorton demanded—and obtained—an apology from a speaker who interrupted the commission had been "bought out."

Petitions said to bear the signatures of 379 Kendallwood property owners in opposition to letting the Y.M.C.A. use the site were submitted by Atty. William Lang.

George Juster, president of the Kendallwood Association, said a poll taken by his organization showed 105 residents against the project and 90 favoring it.

Lang told the board his clients

"have no quarrel with the Y.M.C.A." but that they do object to locating the facility "on property that can be developed as single family homes."

Lang and other opponents based their objections on claims the Y.M.C.A. will reduce residential property values in the neighborhood and lead to increased traffic problems.

One unidentified speaker summed up the attitude with the declaration, "The area should have a Y.M.C.A., but not across from my house."

RUSSELL GILBERT, a Kendallwood resident himself and a member of the Farmington Y.M.C.A. Board of Management, spoke at length in support of the rezoning sought by the Y.M.C.A., stating:

"Over the last four years we moved to the Metropolitan Y.M.C.A. that we would support a 'Y' here by raising an annual support of over \$31,000. Now, we want the Y.M.C.A. to increase its services to Farmington through a building to be used as a program tool which will benefit the whole community."

"Farmington has already seen some of the benefits of the limited Y.M.C.A. programs at work in our area. As a matter of fact, there are a number of people here tonight who have participated in many of these programs."

"The question before us is whether a Y.M.C.A. building would adversely affect the neighborhood where it would be located."

"These 12 acres are bounded by a church and shopping center on 12 Mile Rd., the junior high school to the east and Tulipwood and Kendallwood streets on the north."

"It is our proposal to have the main entrance on New Market St. and to eliminate any hazardous entrance or exit on a residential street. We feel that parking for lighting hours will be no more objectionable than the adjacent shopping center. Our proposed play area will have ample protection for the young people."

"Based on present zoning, there are four alternatives for this property. A minimum of 24 houses could be erected on this site, it could be used for offices, it could be used commercially, or it could be used for a special purpose as we are suggesting."

TWO OTHER hearings were on the night's agenda.

In the first, a request to rezone 2,043 acres between Nine Mile, Middlebelt and Shawwassee Rds. from light industry (LI-1) to business purpose (B-3) was approved.

In the second, property at 32330 12 Mile Rd., known as Kendallview Nursing Home, also was approved for a zoning change. This would be from RC-2 (multiple units) to SP-1 (special purpose) except for a piece of the property occupied by the Plavers' Barn which was placed in another special purpose category, SP-3 to permit continuation as a conforming use.



REIGNING BEAUTIES — The queen and her court were crowned Thursday night to reign over the Fourth Annual Farmington Founders Festival. From left, are: Paula Pendergrass, Queen Dee Anderson and Jan Umphrey.

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## Schools Consider Buildings

Building, building... pty the citizen who runs for a seat on the Farmington Board of Education expecting to spend much time discussing curriculum and weighty educational matters.

Instead he will discover that most of the time is spent on building projects.

Monday night meeting of the Board is a good illustration.

The Board:

Authorized the architects to take bids for the mechanical, electrical and general contracts for both the new Harrison High School and the resource center at the William Grace School.

Spent more than an hour discussing fences and whether or not the board should build them.

The members finally voted to construct a fence along the property line at North Farmington backing up to the first four lots north of 13 Mile Rd. of the Canterbury Commons Subdivision. The property owners and the school district will split the cost of the fence.

Discussed the possibility of getting the project of repairing Gil Rd. and installing shoulders underway. The possibility of working on the road from Nine Mile south to Rhinewood with the county road commission, the school district, and residents all participating came under discussion.

The staff was directed to try to set up a meeting on the

question at the earliest possible time.

Told the staff to obtain bids on the cost of replacing the clinder track at Farmington High School with hard surface and re-surfacing the tennis courts at both Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

In giving the authorization for the quotes, however, the board members told the staff that something else would have to be cut from the budget before this work could be done. The repairs were not included in the proposed budget for the coming year.

Approved the purchase of cafeteria equipment for Power Junior High School at a total cost of \$6,240.79 and science equipment for the North Farmington High School addition at a total cost of \$20,722.91.

The board also referred the matter of a possible addition to the Shawwassee Elementary School to the Building Committee of the Board.

## Dee Anderson Named Queen Of Festival

A 17-year-old North Farmington Senior was crowned Thursday night to reign over the Fourth Annual Farmington Founders Festival.

She is Dee Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Anderson of 2842 Oak Point, Farmington Township.

Chosen as members of her court were: Jan Umphrey, 20, and Paula Pendergrass, 19.

Jan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Umphrey of 2587 Nine Mile Rd., is a senior at Michigan State University.

A sophomore at Western Michigan University, Paula is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass of 2833 Kendallwood Dr.

THE QUEEN received a \$100 cash prize, a \$200 educational scholarship and a \$500 scholarship from the Patricia Stevens School of Modeling.

Members of her court were awarded a \$25 cash prize.

The selection of the queen climaxed two nights of trials.

On Tuesday evening the original field of 18 contestants was narrowed down to 10 finalists.

Judges met with the finalists again on Thursday and their final decision was announced at the Chrysler Showboat in the

Downtown Center.

One of the largest crowds in Festival history was on hand to see Miss Farmington Founders Festival of 1968 crowned.

JUDGES in the contest were: Johnnie Teeter, a former Miss Michigan; Tony Spina, chief photographer of the Detroit Free Press; and Carl Wideman, president of the Walnut Corn.

As queen Miss Anderson will reign over the entire three days of the Festival.

Thursday evening's activities were merely a prelude to complete schedule of events Friday and Saturday.

## Approve Bonds For Water Main

The Michigan Municipal Finance Commission has approved \$12,000 of water main special assessment bonds for Farmington Township.

Proceeds will be used to defray the cost of constructing water mains in Special Assessment District 49, Farmington. The bonds are payable primarily from a like amount of special assessments due in 15 annual installments.

## Congress Still Undecided

# New Subs May Not Get Mail Delivery

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

The post office may have a motto about the mail going through, but there is a possibility it will not to homes now being built in new subdivisions in Farmington.

Regular mail delivery to residences now under construction rests on what action the U.S. Congress takes next on its mandate to cut back federal employment to the 1966 level.

THE MANDATE, as originally proposed, would have reduced postal services and curtailed hiring of new postal employees.

At this time, Congress is considering exempting the post office from the ruling.

Until Congress takes definite action, the Farmington post office is operating under the orders as first

issued and is not making plans to deliver mail to new subdivisions or apartment projects.

Presently affected are part of Rolling Oaks subdivision, all of Independence Commons (now being built) and the second phase of the Kendallwood Apartment project.

The Kendallwood residents are in luck compared to proposed subdivision residents because their mail is being delivered to the apartment manager, so they don't have to come all the way in to the post office to pick it up.

New subdivision residents will have to make the trip into town to get their mail, as things stand now.

ASSISTANT Farmington Postmaster Louis Gay isn't looking forward to holding the mail in the post office for pickup because post office

quarters are already cramped.

Because of Farmington's rate of growth, a new post office has been authorized for the community, but it does not look as if it will be built in the near future. Negotiations are currently under way for a carrier substitution to expedite mail delivery.

Gay stated, "Our volume of mail will only increase and we'll be curtailed in getting it to the public."

IF THE NEW Congressional ruling goes into effect, all regular Saturday window service will also be discontinued and Saturday collection of mail from street deposit boxes will be limited to one collection a day.

General delivery windows will be open only from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays for delivery to general delivery patrons and to businesses who normally call for their mail at the post

office. Special delivery mail and perishable items will be delivered, however.

HIRING OF POSTAL personnel will also be affected by the Congressional action. Farmington post office has been ordered to fill only three out of four vacancies as they occur. The standard post staff in Farmington is 117 employees, with this already cut to 115. Presently employed, also, are 14 college students, who will be replaced on a three-for-four basis at summer's end.

ALL these restrictions will take place only if Congress does not rescind its original ruling.

In the meantime, you'd better lay in a supply of stamps because the post office won't be selling those on Saturdays anymore.