

# Homeowners May Start Lawsuit Against Church

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FARMINGTON West Franklin Estates Home owners' Association and a group of property owners plan to file a lawsuit asking an injunction to prevent the Farmington Hills Baptist Church from using a

house in West Franklin Estates as a church.

WILLIAM S. MUNGER of Southfield, attorney for the association and homeowners, said the case will be based on deed restrictions on the church's property at 22999 14

Mile which limit the use of the property to residence.

The plans for a lawsuit were announced after the church dropped a proposal to place a mobile home on the property and decided to use the house now on the property as a church. Homeowners objected earlier to the proposed temporary structure at a Farmington Township Zoning Appeals Board hearing. The temporary church was to have been a mobile home-type metal building placed on a permanent foundation.

Rev. Allan Poage, minister of the Baptist congregation, said he felt at first some residents objected to a mobile-type building on the site.

open the door to commercial zoning in the area and cause traffic problems.

At the zoning appeals board hearing, Sheldon Slavin, 30886 Pear Ridge said 75 per cent of West Franklin Estates residents object to the move. Slavin, who is president of the homeowners' association, added that churches should not be built under residential zoning nor on a lot deeded for a residence.

A Methodist church has been located in the subdivision and the Catholic diocese owns 14 acres in West Franklin Hills. In addition, Christian Expansion Organization owns a lot.

## OCC May Receive Full Accreditation

FARMINGTON Oakland Community College has been authorized an accreditation examination between November 1969, and January 1970, by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. OCC President Joseph E. Hill has announced.

A team of educators appointed by the North Central Association will visit all three campuses of the college for the purpose of evaluating the institution for full NCA accreditation.

In the accrediting process, OCC submitted a self study report to NCA in spring 1968. Following evaluation of that self study, OCC was accorded candidacy for membership.

In response to the evaluation of the self study, the college prepared a supplemental self study report to NCA this past May.

On the basis of the supplemental report, NCA approved the forthcoming visitation. Should the results of the visitation be successful, it is possible that the college be accorded full accreditation by March 1970.

## Patrolman May Face Hearing

FARMINGTON The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has finished its investigation of a complaint alleging police brutality made against Farmington Township Patrolman John Hedrick when he was a member of the Pontiac Police Department.

THE COMMISSION, after investigating the complaint, attempted to reach a conciliation with the Pontiac Police Department.

When conciliation failed, the commission submitted its findings to the attorney general's office requesting a public hearing on the complaint.

In its investigation, the commission found "probable cause to credit the claimant's charges." The attorney general's investigators in Detroit are reviewing the case and are expected to decide in two weeks whether or not a hearing shall be held.

The complaint was filed Feb. 1, 1966, by Andrew Shepard of Pontiac. The brutality allegedly occurred when Hedrick and another patrolman stopped Shepard for a traffic violation.

ABOUT A YEAR after Shepard filed charges against Hedrick with the Civil Rights Commission, Hedrick left the Pontiac force and joined the Farmington Township Police Department.

Other brutality allegations against Hedrick, made since he joined Farmington Township, have been investigated by the Oakland County Prosecutors Office and the FBI.

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## Lipscomb Grad

FARMINGTON Donald W. Umphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Umphrey of 28501 Nine Mile, Farmington, is a candidate for a BA degree in the August graduating class at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tenn. Umphrey is a graduate of Farmington High School. He majored in English at Lipscomb.

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