

Wednesday, January 14, 1970



READY FOR THE ROAD—Jill Siwa, 20730 Ontago, Farmington, is shown here with her shiny, new auto license plates and there's a reason for her smile. The letters, GTW, just happen to stand for Grand Trunk West-

ern, the railroad where she works as a freight claims stenographer in downtown Detroit. Jill says her conductor style "millinery" definitely will not be part of the swingin' 'seventies' scene for milady.

Township Denies Boron's Service Station Request

After concluding a public hearing which lasted over an hour Monday night, the Farmington Township Board voted to deny a rezoning request from Boron Oil Co. to allow a gas station at the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Farmington Rd.

Attending Monday's meeting were members of the planning commission to provide reasons why it had recommended denial last month.

The Oakland County coordinating committee concurred with township planners and also recommended denial. Also attending the meeting were West Franklin Estates, Canterbury Commons, and Briar Hill subdivisions.

JAMES GINN, attorney representing Boron, argued that the two northern corners of that intersection in West Bloomfield Township are already zoned commercial and commercial was an obvious use for the southeast corner in Farmington Township.

Ginn said the gas station would be set back from Farmington Rd. and mentioned that the present old building on that corner has no set back and obstructs vision.

He said the northwest section of Farmington Township

is not adequately served by gas stations and if Boron's request is denied there will be requests for gas stations along 14 Mile at Drake, Halsted and Haggerty.

The parcel is too small to be developed residential, which it is presently zoned, and the best use would be a gas station said Ginn.

Ginn argued it would be better to locate a station on the proposed parcel which is suited for one than to have a station locate on larger parcels further west.

He contended a gas station could open the intersection more than an office or store building which would require a greater building area.

Chuck Lorton, chairman of the planning commission, said that if Boron's request was granted there was a great danger of four gas stations locating at that intersection.

IF A STATION is allowed at that spot, Lorton added, the township would have to provide another transitional use to buff the residential development farther south on Farmington Rd.

Lorton showed that a master plan conducted of that area shows the proper use for the

parcel to be office.

Motion to deny Boron's rezoning request was made by Mrs. Margaret Schaffer who explained that giving approval could result in a four-station corner, that there was a number of gas stations already built within a short distance, and that the parcel could be used for a better purpose.

IN OTHER action, the board tabled a proposed ordinance to create a Housing Commission to seek construction of senior citizen housing in the township. The ordinance draft was just delivered Monday night and trustees wanted time to examine the document before taking official action.

The Board voted to ask Detroit Edison to install a street light at the corner of Middle Belt and Gramercy Ct.

In separate action, the board voted to sell bonds for sewer and water projects at an interest rate not to exceed 8%.

The assessment rolls had been confirmed but the township was unable to find any financial institutions to buy the bonds at 8% which was the maximum set by state law that municipalities can pay on bonds.

But last fall, the Michigan

Legislature passed amendatory legislation allowing municipalities to sell bonds at a rate not to exceed 8%.

The township will now negotiate sale of the bonds and hopes to obtain a 7% interest rate. If the maximum 8% is negotiated, homeowners within the special assessment districts will be charged 9% interest.

Involved are sewer work in Springland and Springbrook and the Nine Mile water line.

THE BOARD ALSO approved a revised payment schedule for its engineer consulting firm, Fate, Hirm & Bogue.

Thomas McMillan was appointed to fill a Republican vacancy on the Board of Canvassers.

Trustees tabled action on filling the Democratic vacancy since local Democrats have not yet nominated a candidate for the position.

A zoning ordinance was passed which provides a new zoning classification for trailer courts.

Previously, trailer courts were allowed in a B-3 commercial zone.

Approval was given to rezoning five lots in the southwest quarter of Section 11 in Oakland Hills Orchards subdivision from two-family to office use.



SHARED HAPPINESS—In the spirit of the holidays, members of the Young Christian Students at St. Fabian Church gave a Christmas party for Mrs. G.P. Windrim, 84, of Farmington, who might have had a lonely time of it otherwise. Pictured in the back row are Penny Faurne,

Kathy Lewis, Mrs. Frank Sugrue and Eric Schooley. In the front row are Sue LaFleur, Mrs. Windrim, Lynn Sugrue, Laurie Cervanack and Chuck Frutchey. Not pictured are Tom Glynn, Carl Hebel, Ken Grabowski, Jim Hagan and Bill Walker.

Jaycees Seek Best Teacher

The Farmington Area Jaycees are looking for a recipient for their Outstanding Young Educator (OYE) award for 1970.

To be eligible, a candidate must be between 21-36 years old and teaching at a school in the Farmington School System.

PRINCIPALS and counselors at each school have been provided nominating forms. All nominations must be received no later than Jan. 15. For information or nomination forms call Tom MacFarland at 222-2393.

The OYE award presentation will be made at the annual Jaycee Prayer Breakfast to be held the morning of Jan. 18 in the Elks Temple.

Presentation of the OYE award and the Prayer Breakfast will mark the beginning of Jaycee Week in Farmington. Jaycee Week will be observed across the nation from Jan. 18-24.

DURING JAYCEE Week, special effort will be directed toward creating an awareness on the part of the general public and prospective members of the purpose of the Jaycees and their many community projects.

For additional details the following Jaycee chairmen may be contacted: Bob Button, Jaycee Week; MacFarland, OYE, 222-2393; and John Bailey, Prayer Breakfast, 476-7751.

Detroit Minister To Speak Jan. 19

Detroit Common Councilman Rev. David Eberhard will be the speaker at the Farmington Jaycees' annual prayer breakfast Monday, Jan. 19. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Elks Temple at 2966 Orchard Lake Rd.

Tickets for the men-only affair are \$3. Reservations

must be made by Jan. 16 from John Batley at 476-7751.

The recently-elected councilman serves Riverside Lutheran Church on the lower east side of Detroit. He has won wide acclaim for developing a dynamic, community-oriented urban parish.

The Riverside parish includes the Inner City Community Clinic, the Lutheran Youth Village, the Riverside Civic fund, the Riverside Co-op, the Riverside Day Care Center, the Riverside Housing and the Riverside Development Committee.

Rev. Eberhard's work in Detroit has been reported in Life magazine and on national television. In addition, he was named Detroit's "Young man of the year" for 1968 and is on the board of directors of many Detroit organizations.

Eberhard and his wife Beverly have five children. He is a graduate of Concordia College, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He holds BA and bachelor of divinity degrees.

Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA GR. 4-7261

"HAPPINESS IS" a red cardinal perched on a tree branch in your yard. The bird's brilliant red color against a background of white snow is a sight to behold.

A "COFFEE AND DESERT GOING AWAY" gathering was hosted at the home of Mildred Dyingser, co-hosted by Bobbi Phipps, both of Arand Street. Best wishes were extended to Kay DeWitt of Bella Vista, whose family is now making their new home in Fairfield, Conn. Send off wishes were extended by Nancy Passfield, Pearl Morris, Pauline Jewsbury, Charlotte McManus, Shirley Kaye, Marge Collins, Ann Weider, Dorothy Clineher and Betty Brynn.

SUZANNE AND BARBARA, the two daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ruel, spent two weeks visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Willis in New Hampshire.

According to their reports, the weather we are having must have happened in New Hampshire first, for they were welcomed with a blizzard on their arrival and their two-week holiday consisted of ice and snow, which was not objectionable to the two young

ladies. They also visited their aunts, uncles and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnston.

Darby McGilmen of Meadowview Drive was among the lucky University of Michigan students who flew to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl game.

Darby is a junior in the college of nursing. Jeanne Harris of Pleasant Valley Drive spent the Christmas holidays in Olton, Switzerland with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Steward. The Stewards of Bloomfield Hills are living in Switzerland for this year.

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