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A piano virtuoso was in these parts Thursday, and Town Hall members and students found his visit a rewarding experience. Read more about Mario Braggiotti. **Page 6-A**

Business Beat

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Corporations, Boo

The daily papers and broadcasters sat in the press section of the University of Michigan teach-in on the environment, and so they missed a story that we got. It's the deep, intense hatred that vast numbers of students have for American business corporations. It's eye-opening. **Page 9-B**

Call 'Em Adults

Getting young people through the difficult transition period from adolescence to adulthood is always difficult. For those whose life relationships contribute to a psychotic condition, it's even more so. At Northville State Hospital several have made the bump in three to six months. Margaret Miller found out why and tells you in our Sunday Feature. **Page 1-B**

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Expect City Council Approval Monday Of CBD Ordinance

The city council is expected to make a decision Monday night on the proposed ordinance to establish a Central Business District (CBD) for the City of Farmington.

The draft received a unanimous recommendation for passage by the Planning Commission during its hearing on the CBD ordinance March 9.

City Manager John Dinan says the revised ordinance was received quite favorably by the business sector of the community.

REPRESENTING THE downtown merchants at the commission's hearing were

Conrad Sullivan and attorney Bill Mungar. Mungar said the revision satisfies the legal questions the merchants had.

Mungar says the merchants have no legal quarrel with the ordinance as now written. "We are grateful the city saw fit to consult with us."

Although merchants are legally satisfied, Mungar adds, they are not entirely happy. There is a philosophical difference between the merchants and city fathers, he explained.

Merchants feel the downtown business district is being unduly restrictive, he said, because the area defined in the ordinance is much too small. Many merchants feel the

downtown area defined in the ordinance should stretch from Orchard Lake to three blocks west of Farmington Rd. on Grand River.

Dinan says planners expect to upgrade the commercial zoning to take care of the balance of the business area outside of the downtown area defined by the ordinance.

A MAJOR CHANGE in the final draft is that an appeal of a site plan rejection can be made to the city council. In the original draft, the planning commission had final word on site plan approvals for the CBD.

The city council Monday

night will also be asked to retain the services of Goodell, Grivas & Associates, a traffic safety engineering firm.

Planners feel a traffic study is an important phase of the downtown study and hopes the council will retain the firm to develop a short-range, comprehensive program on parking and traffic control.

The maximum cost will be \$4,000. Project engineer who will be assigned to the study is Tajan Datta, who has a masters degree in traffic engineering from Wayne State University and comes from Calcutta, India.

The planning commission has also accepted an offer

from James Abernathy, a University of Detroit professor in urban planning, to take a survey in the downtown business district on parking requirements. The survey will be taken by U-D students in late March.

ONE ITEM in the CBD ordinance met with opposition from local cleaners at the commission's public hearing.

The ordinance allows cleaning plants in the downtown area providing the plant operators only to serve the retail trade at that location.

Self-service laundromats will be allowed if an attendant

is present at all times and the business does not operate 24 hours a day.

A non-conforming building may be remodeled provided the size of the building is not enlarged. Owner of a non-conforming structure wishing to expand the outside walls must ask for approval from the city council.

Any non-conforming building destroyed by fire or another catastrophe may be restored and its use continued providing it is done within a year after the calamity.

Sis Hopes Cornelia Gets Nixon Approval

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Farmington Township Trustee Margaret Schaeffer is not so surprised that her sister, Wayne County Circuit Judge Cornelia G. Kennedy, is being considered for appointment to the Federal District Court, the first woman in Michigan to be so considered.

Says Mrs. Schaeffer: "When she and Chris, my other sister, and I were growing up, Cornelia was always the peacemaker. I think she has a judicial temperament. She was always soothing things between Chris and me."

Mrs. Schaeffer counters this with: "Looking back, I frankly would never have particularly guessed that she would be a lawyer. She isn't aggressive or argumentative. But she has a very logical mind - she can see both sides of a problem."

THE THREE GROEFSEMA sisters are exceptional. Margaret is a lawyer, also, and Chris an economics teacher at Oakland Community College and currently is working on her doctorate.

The girls' father, Elmer H. Groefsema, was a well-known trial lawyer. Mrs. Groefsema died when the sisters were young girls (Margaret 12 and Cornelia 10) and the father was left the responsibility of their upbringing.

The environment in the Groefsema home must have been conducive to intellectual pursuits and the lawyer-father's personality strong to influence two of the daughters into choosing law as a career.

MRS. SCHAEFFER recalls dinner table conversation:

"He was always interested in world affairs and talked of the problems of the day. Because he was also interested in philosophical questions, he encouraged us to be interested in many things."

She laughs. "But when I think of the dumb things that we did, I shudder. He'd never get mad at us."

MRS. SCHAEFFER has reason to not be surprised that Cornelia is the first Michigan woman to be considered for appointment to a Federal Court.

Mrs. Kennedy's other firsts as a woman include: chairmanship of the negligence law section of the State Bar of Michigan, chairmanship of the Wayne County character and fitness committee of the state bar, and directorship of the Detroit Bar Association.

MRS. KENNEDY was elected judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1966.

"She ran for the office once before she was elected," notes Mrs. Schaeffer, "and she lost by only 59 votes. We were heart sick - we thought we certainly could've found 59 people. The second time she ran, she led the ticket."

"Probably not every lawyer is suited to be a judge. As a lawyer you're hired to represent one client and you only consider his point of view. You're not called upon to render a decision."

"Cornelia has told me that she considers child custody cases her toughest decisions...to have to determine who should have the children and what is best for them. She always finds that a terribly difficult decision to make."

"And she dislikes to pass sentences she finds it very hard to take away a person's liberty."

ASKED IF Cornelia enjoys feminine fashions like clothes, Mrs. Schaeffer smiles. "Yes, she likes nice clothes, but her trouble is she never has time



MARGARET SCHAEFFER

Incumbents Win In Wood Creek

About 45% of the eligible voters turned out at the polls for last Tuesday's village elections for Wood Creek Farms.

Only one incumbent was defeated. Assessor Robert Swift, Swift lost his position to challenger George Trout, 51-42.

Two incumbent councilmen, Al Albertson and William Ortman, were re-elected. Albertson earned 60 votes and Ortman 52, followed by council challengers Donald Flesher and John Voorhis, both with 32 votes.

Running unopposed were: June Manos for clerk with 89 votes; and Francis Kigar for treasurer with 90 votes.

Villages approved renewal of the Detroit Edison franchise by an 88-5 vote. A total of 90 villagers voted in the election.

Crab Trees On Sale

Almey crab trees, which have been designated Farmington's special tree, are being offered for sale by the Farmington Garden Club.

These attractive trees have deep pink blossoms in spring.

"White Angel", a crab with white flowers, is being sold also. This is the first year that a white crab has been available through the Farmington Garden Club. It makes an attractive combination with the pink flowered Almey and is especially effective with a background of tall evergreen trees.

The cost is \$4 per tree. Both are hardy, disease resistant varieties. The trees are four to five feet tall and are in containers for easy transplanting. They will be available for planting the weekend of Arbor Week, April 21 and 22.

Deadline for placing orders is March 18.

Mrs. Chester Hartzell, tree sale chairman, reports the Almey is still the favorite. To date there have been twice as many orders placed for the Almey than for the "White Angel," but both kinds are still available.

For information about the trees or to place an order phone Mrs. Hartzell at 626-9750 or Mrs. Walter Gaertner at 474-3445.

Nursery Accepting Members

The Farmington Co-operative Nursery is now accepting membership applications for the 1970-71 school year.

The nursery offers a complete program for three- and four-year-olds including painting, crafts, stories, music, dramatic play, games, outdoor play and field trips.

The nursery is a non-profit organization licensed by the state and is run by the mothers of children enrolled.

Parents of pre-schoolers interested in membership in the nursery may contact Mrs. Susan Dowd at 477-9330 or the North Farmington Baptist Church at MA 6-5967.

Pledge Cooperation With War Group

A group of North Farmington high school students attempting to form an anti-Vietnam War group are making progress towards finding a sponsor.

Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of the Farmington School District, reported at the last regular school board meeting that students leaders had met with North Farmington administrators in their search for a sponsor.

Four or five North Farmington teachers are reportedly interested in sponsoring the group.

AT A PREVIOUS meeting, the student group said the North Farmington administration had hindered their efforts to form a school-sponsored club by discouraging teachers from sponsoring the club.

A letter to the board presented at the Feb. 23 meeting the students said they "feel the hesitation in giving approval is based on a narrow administration viewpoint on the war."

Miss Maxine Graff, a leader of the student group, said the North Farmington club would be affiliated with the National Student Mobilization Committee.

At Monday's meeting, Smith said the students had met with

DR. SMITH SAYS: 'No Obstacles Will Be Placed Before Them'

Clayton Graham, North Farmington principal, and his assistant Lynn Nutter.

"I tried to identify to them the efforts made by Mr. Graham and Mr. Nutter," Smith said.

"No obstacles will be placed before them that are not before any other group," the superintendent added.

This group should be free and able to pursue the normal course of any group seeking sponsorship, without any obstacles," said Richard Peters, school board president.

THE ISSUE touched off an incident later in the meeting. Board members clashed over the reading of a letter supporting the students.

Allan Sultan, an associate professor at the University of Detroit College of Law and an active participant in Farmington Area Democratic affairs, wrote a letter to the board saying the North Farmington students were following traditional American beliefs in speaking for the sponsored club.

who tried to stop the reading of the letter but was overruled by Peters, objected after it was read.

"I don't know whether we should subject the board to this kind of thing everytime somebody wants to file a political essay," said Perrin, a Republican in private belief.

Perrin's statement was attacked by Trustees Gary Lichtenhan and Aldo Vagnozzi.

Lichtenhan said Perrin got carried away when he made the statement. He added Perrin's remarks were "uncalled for."

"We on the board owe a little respect to those who put us on the board," Lichtenhan said.

Vagnozzi, secretary of the board, said the reading of the letter was "perfectly in line with the board's policy."

"The reading was very much in order and I would not like to have any other interpretation put on it," Vagnozzi said.

Lichtenhan apologized for the remark to Sultan who was in the audience.

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