



FRIENDS - Miss Minnie Zielke (center) is retiring this year as Farmington schools director of elementary education, but wherever she goes, there will always be children. These first graders at Ten Mile School hang on every

Minnie Zielke Retires, Ending 24-Year Career

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

FARMINGTON — When you talk to Miss Minnie Zielke about her 24 years with Farmington schools, you discover that she doesn't like to talk about herself but will discuss at length the tremendous changes that have taken place in education. Miss Zielke is retiring this year as Farmington's director of elementary education. Her years in education took her from a rural one-room school where she placed football with her boy pupils to teaching at Western Michigan University and finally to Farmington where she has seen the school district grow from 954 to 5000 elementary pupils.

MISS ZIELKE laughed. "We have as many teachers on our Language Arts Committee this year as we had on our entire elementary staff in 1946." "I'd say," adds Miss Zielke, "that the greatest growth between then and now is in the recognition of children and their needs." "In those days, we found that teachers were exposing all children to classroom studies whether they were ready for them or not. Teachers today are able to do a better job because they are thinking of children as individuals and can think of a child's individual needs."

She continues, "One thing that greatly affects curriculum is class size. Class loads in 1946 were in the upper 40's. Today the average is in the upper 20's."

With large classes and growing students something

PBK Honors 29 Local Scholars

FARMINGTON — Twenty-nine students from public and parochial high schools in Farmington were honored by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa May 15. Students received certificates in recognition of having achieved a minimum average of 3.6 and maintaining good citizenship throughout three years of high school. The annual event was held in Ford Auditorium.

Recipients include Jean R. Boise, Christine E.

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\$100 Approved City Gives To Center

FARMINGTON — The City of Farmington has decided to donate \$100 to the Farmington Community Center to help meet operational expenses during 1970. As part of its financial drive to meet its 1970 operational budget, the center board has sent letters to the governmental units in the Farmington Area seeking contributions as well as to organizations and individuals.

LAST YEAR, the city voted to contribute money to the center providing the township did the same. City Manager John Dinan suggested this year the city donate \$100 contingent upon the township donating \$400 based on the 4:1 population ratio between the two units. But councilmen present felt the city should make a donation regardless of the derivation made by the township.

"Let's contribute the \$100 and forget about the township in this case," said Councilman Ralph Loder. "Let them follow suit if they wish, but let's us contribute without any strings attached."

IN A SEPARATE matter, the council discussed notification from the Michigan Public Service Commission of Detroit Edison's intention to raise electrical rates.

Increase for general electrical rates, including residential, will be between 3 to 4%. But Edison is asking for an 18% rate increase for street lighting, explained Dinan, which will cost the city about \$1,200 extra a year. Dinan added that this is the first rate increase by Edison since 1949. Council instructed Dinan to write the Public Service Commission expressing the city's objections to the rate increase.

IN OTHER action, the council agreed to spend \$75 as its share in a half-page advertisement in the Oakland County "Book of History" being published as part of the county's 150th anniversary celebration.

Dinan was authorized to make contacts with Farmington Public Schools to see if the city and schools can cooperate in purchasing gasoline to save money for both units.

Dinan says he is hopeful a pool purchasing arrangement can be worked out between city, township and the school district on other types of purchases. Permission was given the Department of Public Services to obtain bids for purchase of a tractor for the water department, backhoe and a dump truck for the DPW. The city attorney, Robert Kelley, was instructed to draft an ordinance prohibiting open burning of any kind in the City of Farmington.

Quakertown Fears

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Works, was denounced by several speakers.

"We're the ones who are going to have to pay for these sewers," a man commented. Shelden replied that the sewer will serve the northwest section of Farmington Township, not the proposed development alone.

"The sewer will come one day with this development or without this development," he commented.

He said the engineers of the Oakland County Department of Public Works decide the route of the sewer.

LEMAN, a partner in Villan-Leman, the firm which is the planning consultant for Farmington Township, noted the sewer will probably be pushed.

Leman said there is "extreme pressure for development" in the northwest section of Farmington Township. He noted a shopping center larger than Hudson's Northland complex in Southfield is planned near 13 Mile and Halsted in addition, the Pulte Development Co. controls a large tract of land just north of 12 Mile between Farmington and Drake Rds.

The pressure for development in northwest Farmington Township provided another man an argument for changing the route of the sewer. Present plans call for a sewer to follow the stream which flows through Quakertown. Riverbeds are generally the least expensive route for sanitary sewers.

"Certainly we can't stop the sewer and it's going to be a big one," the on-looker commented.

HOWEVER, an alternate route might be obtained, he said, by asking developers who have great interest in the area to pay for the extra costs of an alternate route.

He said they might be willing to pay "rather than risk the long delay which would come about through legal action."

"We can't stop the sewer, but we might work to change the route," he said.

Shelden noted he had tried to get permission to connect his proposed development with the existing sanitary sewer line on the east side of Farmington Township.

"They will not let us out of the district," he said. Leman raised another argument for the development.

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