

## Jaycee Fair Begins Soon

FARMINGTON The Farmington Area Jaycees will hold their second annual fair June 11-14 at Grand River and Drake Rds. Eleven adult rides and seven children's rides will be featured along with various games of chance and skill. On Saturday, June 13, there will be a kiddie matinee during which children may ride for one-half price. The Jaycee auxiliary will have a refreshment booth open during the fair and will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday and Sunday. Times for the fair are June 11, 6-11 p.m.; June 12, 9-12 p.m.; June 13, 1-11 p.m.; and June 14, 2-11 p.m.

## Judge Opens Local Office

FARMINGTON Gerald W. Judge of 26319 Orchard Lake, Farmington Township, has opened a general insurance office in the City of Farmington.

AFCO Underwriters, Inc., has opened at 28811 Liberty which is John Allen's office building directly across from city hall.

Judge is moving his offices from Detroit where he operated for 11 years on W. Chicago. He is engaged in the general insurance business with an income tax service.

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GLADIATORS - Students of Beechview Elementary School at 26850 Westmeath held their annual Roman day recently. In the foreground, Vincent Blaszczyk (left) and Danny Reoume battle with wooden swords as Sean Finnerty (left) and Dan Brown watch from the background. (Evert photo.)

## Ensemble Plays At FHS Graduation

Farmington High School's wind ensemble will present a program in tribute to the Class of 1970 Sunday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in Detroit's Ford Auditorium. The program will start one hour prior to commencement under direction of George N. Heller. Its repertoire consists of over fifty major works by composers such as Palestrina, Bach, Gossec, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saens, Rossini, Tschakovsky, Richard Strauss, Howard Hanson, Vaclav Nelybel, and H. Owen Reed. On the program for the commencement concert are the introduction to "Also Sprach Zarathustra" by Richard Strauss, "Adagio Cantabile" from Piano Sonata, No. 8, "The Pathétique", by Beethoven, "Overture for Band", written by Mendelssohn at the age of 15, "Marche Militaire Francaise" by Saint-Saens; the second movement of "La Fiesta Mexicana" by Michigan State University composer-residence, H. Owen Reed, and marches by Johannes Hanssen and John Philip Sousa. Performing in the final concert of their high school careers are seniors Don Miracle, Mike Randall, Carolyn Steele, Scott Strane, Kurt Stratton, Irv Van Wingerden, and Jeff White.

## WWI Vets Will Discuss Legislation

FARMINGTON William Young, claims officer for area veterans of WW I, will speak at a meeting for vets June 11 at 1 p.m. in the Farmington American Legion Home at Grand River and Lakeway.

New legislation pending in Congress will be explained. A question and answer period will follow. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Bob Mathieu, deputy chief of staff of Michigan, urged every World War I Veteran in Oberverland to attend.

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## City Clamping Down On Advertising Signs

The Farmington City Council has reaffirmed its intention to maintain strict control over location of commercial signs in the downtown business district.

The council again went on record as favoring strict enforcement of the city's sign ordinance when it was asked for a variance to allow a free-standing sign at the Ken Loomis office building.

THE VARIANCE was requested by Loomis on behalf of a new tenant, John Hussey Real Estate, moving into his office building at Farmington Rd. and Orchard St.

Fred Siebert, arguing the sign was unobtrusive and on the fringe of the Central Business District moved that the variance be approved. The motion to grant the variance, however, was denied 2-2 with John Richardson, John Allen and Wilbur Bratton voting for denial.

The planning commission gave Hussey use approval but denied his request for a free-standing sign to be located in conjunction with the existing Loomis free-standing sign on the site. The city's sign ordinance prohibits more than one free-standing sign per commercial site in the downtown business district.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan says the planners "felt it was not congruous with the philosophy of upgrading the downtown area and that free-standing signs detract from the general aesthetics." Dinan added the commissioners felt two free-standing signs on such a small parcel "would certainly be an eyesore entering into the downtown area on Farmington Rd."

The commission denied Hussey permission to locate a free-standing sign. Hussey, along with Loomis, appealed to the council for a variance.

AFTER SOUL discussion, however, the council voted 3-2 to uphold the commission and deny variance for the second free-standing sign. In appealing to the council, Loomis said, "I've seen a lot of changes in Farmington in the last 35 years. There's so many commissions and committees it's hard to keep up."

Loomis said he surveyed the downtown area and discovered many businesses in apparent violation of the sign ordinance. Councilman John Richardson agreed many signs are non-conforming with the ordinance, which was passed in November 1958.

Richardson explained the ordinance is not retroactive, and the city is trying to get all new and altered signs to conform to the ordinance.

Dinan mentioned the planning commission's philosophy is to eliminate all free-standing signs from the city in the future.

The sign ordinance may be further amended in an attempt to accomplish this, added Dinan.

Richard Tupper, chairman of the downtown redevelopment committee, commented: "This particular case (Loomis) is a borderline incident, but maybe more would have grounds for free-standing signs. We feel one free-standing sign per commercial establishment is very important."

"When all merchants conform and remove free-standing signs, nobody will suffer,"

## Grand River Pact Signed

FARMINGTON The city of Farmington has renewed its contract with the Michigan State Highway Department for maintenance of Grand River from the east city limits to 64th Rd. The state has budgeted \$10,000 to reimburse the city.

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