



**POW WOW** — Wearing their full regalia, Y-Indian Guide Little Braves Jim Cheyne and Mike Chayne are welcomed to school by Shawassaw School Principal Ron Jackson. The boys are two of the Y-Indian Guides

who will be wearing their guide outfits to school on Monday in observance of national YMCA Indian Guides Week Sept. 21-27. (Evert photo).

# Democrats Will Debate Oppertthausen, Stader

**FARMINGTON** William Hatton has accepted an invitation to debate Earl Oppertthausen and has asked for a moratorium on partisan politics during the campaign for Farmington Township offices.

Hatton, a Democratic challenger for township trustee, was challenged last week to a debate by Oppertthausen, incumbent trustee and Republican.

Before the beginning of the last township meeting, Hatton was called out into the lobby of the township hall by Oppertthausen and handed a letter challenging him to a debate.

**THE LETTER** from Oppertthausen requested that he and David Stader, the other Republican candidate for trustee, be given the opportunity to debate Hatton and Dr. Burton Levy, the other Democratic challenger.

Hatton said the letter "was handed to me under the pretext of confidential conversation and, unknown to me, also under the lens of a camera. 'I want to thank Mr. Oppertthausen for the publicity, but I resent the false pretext for using my presence without my consent to further his campaign to help his election. 'I am elated at the prospect of engaging Mr. Oppertthausen in debate but hardly on exactly the terms mentioned in the letter. 'The Democrats' and my record had little bearing

on the course the Curtis Hall machine administration has taken because we have been essentially excluded from that administration and its important committees and commissions."

**THE DEBATE** should concern what has been done, Hatton suggests, what has not been done, what could be done in the future.

Hatton has asked for a date of Oct. 14 or 15 for the debate with any available hall in the township being used.

He added that the Future Farmington Association has been contacted and is willing to sponsor the debate.

"As for the charges of obstructionism, intellectual dishonesty and political chicanery, I cite the formation of the Township Road Committee by the township board after the proposal of the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association and myself as authors and proponents as refutation of these charges," said Hatton.

"Because the Road Committee has done nothing positive in the responsibility of the township administration, not mine or the Democratic party. "Since better drainage would go far to improve the ecological well being of the township, my record of producing the township administration about the long delayed but still unaddressed master drainage plan is apparently better

than the township's prodding of their engineers for release of the plan.

"My criticism of zoning policies has been limited to questioning the fairness and equity of such policies as they affect different parts of the Township.

A NUMBER OF Democrats and Republicans alike have deplored the necessity for partisan politics in local township elections, Hatton continues.

Issues and positions on all issues have not become parts of partisan political platforms nor are they likely to so become, he added. "In recognition of this fact, I am prepared to declare a personal moratorium on partisan politics on the local level for now and in the future. "State and national issues do divide along party lines, if they divide at all and, for that reason, partisan politics still has a place in government.

"But, I shall continue to maintain my independence. I supported the election of Earl Tepleles before the primary, and he shall continue to have my support so long as he promotes practices and poli-

cies in the best interests of my constituency—all the people of Farmington township.

"This is the most I could say of anyone and still maintain my independence and integrity. The new supervisor will be able to use what help he can get in the way of good will and freedom from political infighting.

"This is not primarily for the benefit of Tepleles or any other elected official but for the good of the township and all its citizens in having an administration that can accomplish anything at all."



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# 40 Attend Hearing For Master Plan

**FARMINGTON** About 40 persons were on hand when the Farmington Township Planning Commission conducted its second public hearing on the proposed master plan for the township.

At least one more meeting will be held on the plan, if not more, because it has not yet been adopted by the commission.

**AT THE LAST** hearing, only four commission members were present, and action could not be taken because the commission lacked a quorum. The hearing had been scheduled for the township hall but declined was made at the last minute to shift the meeting place to O.E. Dunckel Jr. High.

The township board was holding a special meeting that night, Sept. 17, to discuss problems concerning the township police department.

**SOME MINOR** changes have been made in the proposed master plan between the first and second public hearings. Those changes were announced at the beginning of the second hearing.

Claude Coates, planning consultant from Villen-Latham, explained one of the changes was for the corner of Eight Mile and Halstead.

The area, relatively undeveloped, said Coates, therefore plans for a potential shopping center a mile away, and so the commission has changed the suggested land use for that intersection from shopping center to residential (R-1).

Another small area, between Nine Mile and 196 south of the City of Farmington, has been changed from office to residential as an envisioned use in the master plan.

Another change was for property on Middle Belt between Grand River and Eight Mile, specifically the frontage from the industrial property on Eight Mile north to Grand

River. The master plan will now suggest this property to be used for offices with some additional multiples south of Grand River.

**WHILE DISCUSSING** park development, Coates said park sites are located on the proposed land use map according to where persons will live when the township reaches its capacity population.

The township only owns one park site now, Coates added, and that one is in section 2.

It was pointed out during the hearing that the master plan will likely be adopted before the planning commission makes any decisions on the proposed Sears regional shopping center requested for the area along 13 Mile west of Halstead.

While discussing highways, Coates noted that Orchard Lake and most of the mile roads will most likely be four-lane roads in the future and added that an additional I-696 interchange is being planned at Drake Rd.

**WHILE DISCUSSING** the local road situation, commissioner L. David Stader commented the commission is concerned with proper zoning and land use and is in no position to plan road building.

"We anticipate needs, and as the needs arise the roads will follow. The township must be on the county and state to get the roads that are needed.

"All the planning commission can do is to emphasize the need to get roads built but we cannot stop planning growth just because the roads are not here."

During the hearing, a state Gets Certificate

**FARMINGTON** Navy Airman Michael D. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Howard of 2496 Ivywood, Farmington, has completed the "Skyhawk" aircraft maintenance course at the Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Md.

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ment was made concerning ecology from Dr. Robert Douglas who is president of the Farmington Area Naturalists.

Douglas noted that the growth anticipated in the master plan is in terms of residential, economic and commercial interests, but "not much said about the quality of life.

"What about the establishment of preservation of our local, natural sanctuary area?" Douglas asked.

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