



**WINS BARBIE HOUSE** — Eleanore Grasha (second from left), 6, of Farmington, was one of 10 Detroit-area winners in the recent national Barbie Fan Club Sweepstakes. Eleanore and her mother (second from right) were honored at a luncheon in the Top of the Flame where Mrs. Jerri Jorgensen (right) national director of the Barbie Fan Club, presented the Barbie Livin' House. Also shown is Jack Jakubowski of Mattel Sales Corp. The first metropolitan area Barbie Fan Club meeting will be held Sept. 25 in Hudson's Northland store.

# Township OKs Budget Totaling \$1.7 Million

**FARMINGTON** Farmington Township trustees have approved the township's \$1.7 million operating budget.

The budget is for the township's fiscal year which runs from April 1970 to March 1971.

**THE BUDGET** was approved following a hearing on the budget which drew a few questions from the audience mostly from candidates in the Nov. 3 election.

Dr. Burton Levy, Democratic trustee candidate, suggested to the all-Republican board that possibly more than \$2,500 a year needed to be spent for police training.

Supervisor Curtis Hall explained the money was spent to send officers through the Detroit Police Academy and to pay tuition for any college classes an officer might complete.

Levy also suggested there was not enough money in the budget to provide recreation for the township's young people.

Hall answered the township has given \$17,500 for Drug Rap Line, \$11,000 for recreation programs conducted by the city and school district, and has \$12,000 budgeted under the social services category for teens.

Levy then questioned the legal fees paid to attorney Joseph T. Brennan. Hall explained Brennan was paid a \$12,800 retainer fee and another \$7,800 was budgeted for litigation.

Brennan observed that West Bloomfield Township pays its legal firm a \$12,500 retainer and Southfield pays its attorney \$30,000.

**LEVY** then suggested the township might benefit by looking around for a higher-priced legal firm which would not have to be employed as private counsel for township officials in private business ventures.

Brennan stressed he was not a partner in the private company with Hall but was retained as resident agent to be available in case legal action is served.

Hall answered a question from Harris Berger, William Hatton, trustee candidate, asked why the amount budgeted for police salaries was 20 per cent higher than what was spent last year.

Hall explained the department has added three of four new police officers and the cost for each new officer is \$17,000 and all fringe benefits.

The township has not yet settled with the police officers. Hall continued, but the police

expect "a raise of 7-8 per cent each year," the same as everyone else.

Democratic treasurer candidate, that there has been no salary increase for elective officials. The last increase was two years ago, he added.

Hall said salaries are: \$17,500 for supervisor; \$13,500 for clerk; and \$11,500 for treasurer.

Motion to approve the budget as presented by Hall was made by Mrs. Margaret Schaefer and supported by Tom Nolan. It was approved 5-0.

## Oakland Ed Secretaries Set Seminar

Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward S. Piggins will be the luncheon speaker on Oct. 10 for the Oakland Association on Educational Secretaries at Waldenwoods, Hartland.

Secretaries will hold a two-day retreat (Oct. 9-10) at Waldenwoods. Saturday workshop speakers will be Dr. John Pagen, assistant superintendent in the Waterford school district, and Kenneth Sharp, of the Oakland County juvenile court. Dr. Pagen will speak on "Public Relations" and Sharp on "Drug Abuse."

A circuit judge since 1960, Judge Piggins was police commissioner in Detroit from 1954-58, president of the Detroit City Plan Commission in 1959 and grand juror from 1963-66. He is a Republican nominee for the State Supreme Court.

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## New Tax Base For Schools?

The Farmington School District has launched an investigation into what they term an irregularity in the school boundaries.

The building and site committee has been authorized to study a parcel of land that is part of the Walled Lake School System.

**CALL**ED SECTION 6, it is bordered by Halstead, Haggerty, 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads. This land juts right into the midst of the Farmington school boundaries.

The investigation came after several citizens inquired about the irregular boundaries of the school district, specifically Section 6.

Board member Aldo Vagnozzi expressed concern over the investigation. "We didn't go after Section 6 in the past and I can't in good conscience go after it now that a shopping center is going in there," he argued.

**GARY L. LICHTMAN** agreed and wondered why "at this late stage after we've been aware of the situation" the board would initiate a study.

Other large buildings in addition to a Sears shopping mall are planned for the area which would change considerably the tax base. In the existing tax structure, it would mean an increase of funds for the school district holding the land.

School Board Secretary Mrs. Kathryn Stirling refused to side with Vagnozzi and Lichtman saying: "It's not all that black. We owe it to the taxpayers to at least investigate."

John M. Washburn III, school board president, agreed that the matter should be referred to committee but cautioned that before any positive action be taken the people in the area should be involved.

Only Lichtman finally opposed Mrs. Stirling's motion to turn the matter over to the building and site committee for study and recommendation.

## WSU Offers Courses

Starting Oct. 1, more courses and more course locations will be the case for Wayne State University's Off-Campus Credit Programs for the Division of Urban Extension. Classes will be offered in Livonia and Southfield.

Most classes are held late afternoon or evening weekdays. New this fall are some Saturday morning classes.

Courses at the graduate and undergraduate level will be offered for the College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and School of Business Administration. For the first time through DUE, Montclair College courses are scheduled.

Registration by mail or in person is now going for all courses. A late fee of \$10 will be charged for registrations completed after Sept. 28.

For registration information or a schedule of classes, telephone 358-2104.

## Naturalists To Meet

Farmington Area Naturalists will hold their first meeting of the fall season in Farmington Community Center Sept. 28 at 8 p.m.

Father Robert Humitz, director of religious education for the archdiocese of Detroit, will be the evening's featured speaker.

Father Humitz' topic "In the Beginning" is a non-sectarian and designed to clear up misconceptions regarding the religious theory of creation. It is an attempt to provide an appreciation for the contemporary nature of creation and will be accompanied by the showing of an unusual slide collection.

The naturalists with Dr. Robert Douglas as president began their meetings last spring under the sponsorship of the center.

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