

Polynesian Eatery's Locating On Farmington Township Site

FARMINGTON
A liquor license has been granted by the Farmington Township Board for a Southfield restaurant owner who plans on building a Polynesian restaurant at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile.

Receiving the license was Wing Hong, who now operates an oriental restaurant at 10 Mile and Southfield Rds.

THE RESTAURANT planned for the township, says Hong,

will serve Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese and American food. Plans shown trustees at their last regular meeting provide for a dining room with seating capacity for 330 persons and banquet facilities down for about 350 persons.

Hong, an electrical engineer, spent two years in Hawaii and started the Southfield restaurant after being laid off as an engineer for an Army missile base.

The building will cost about

\$200,000, says Hong, with complete costs running about \$400,000 not including the cost of the property.

Hong added that he now owns the property which is 287 by 205 feet.

THE RESTAURANT will be built using oriental architectural style, says Hong, who claimed it will be the only true oriental restaurant constructed in the U.S.

"The only identical structure

I have seen is in Formosa," he told trustees. "There is no such architectural style in the U.S."

He said he took a trip to Hong Kong to investigate the architecture, decor and atmosphere of oriental restaurants.

Trustee Fred Lichtman said Hong may not be able to meet parking requirements with the size building he was planning.

Hong replied that the percentage of the building for diners will be small because the

kitchen, built for four menus, will require 30-40 per cent of the floor area.

Lichtman noted that if the building size is reduced to meet the parking requirements, the project value may dip below \$400,000 which has been the standard investment required by the township for persons wanting a liquor license.

Motion to grant the license was made by Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, supported by Lichtman and passed unanimously.

Hong was told that the license was being granted for a year's period and could be withdrawn by the township if the restaurant did not meet expected standards when constructed.

AT THE BEGINNING of the meeting, Supervisor Curtis Hall reported that the county road commission has approved a stop-and-go traffic signal that will operate 24 hours a day for 13 Mile and Middle Belt.

The board gave the Farmington Elks permission to hold its annual Turkey Shoot on Nov. 8 at Sunnydale and 8 Mile Rds.

The board granted permission for a street light to be installed at Halstead and Carson St. at the homeowners' expense.

The board also approved a rezoning from RA-4 to office for a parcel of land at 2953 Nine Mile near Middle Belt. The rezoning was unanimously recommended by the township planning commission, the county coordinating committee, and the township's planning consultant.

BIDS WERE referred to the board's car committee which was authorized to award bids for two patrol cars and a station wagon for the police department.

With GM on strike, Hall explained, only two bids were received — one from Town & Country Dodge and the other from Dameron Motor Sales.

During the question-answer period, a resident asked if the board would make public Earl Teeple's work record on waters could be better informed of his record as a police officer.

The board collectively took the position the personnel records should not be released. Some trustees felt the work record could be made public if Teeple so desired but that Teeple should be the one to release them.

From the audience, Teeple said he would make his records public if all other township officials did the same.

Lichtman said police files should not be made public unless they become a public official when the public has a right to know.

"It makes more sense to me for the public to view a candidate's public record before he is elected than afterwards," observed Oppenheimer.

Hall said he has had many requests for Teeple's work records but has refused to release them. "I'm not sure if it's proper or not."



Dateline: Outdoors

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Outdoors Writer

Boyhood memories about fur-bearing animals.

"A weasel is so fast," my grandfather used to say, "that he can look out both ends of a hollow log at the same time."

I learned that he was right. Once when I was partridge hunting, I got a glimpse of one. I knew it was a weasel because all its fur was white except for its black-tipped tail. This is in the winter. In summer the fur of the weasel, sometimes called ermine, is brown.

I was standing quietly in a clump of cedar that looked out upon the remnants of a buck-wheat field when I chanced to glance around.

THE WEASEL and I stared at each other, both startled. Then it was gone. Not down a hole or up a tree. But simply vanishing like a streak of light into the solitude of the woods.

I must have blinked. On another occasion I saw weasel in my grandfather's icehouse which—and not incidentally—was attached to his chicken coop.

I spotted the little fellow just inside the door of the icehouse. The next thing I knew it was staring at me about 15 feet farther away near the rafters of the small shed. Faster than my eye could follow, it had moved between an inside partition and the outside wall from the floor of the icehouse up to the roof.

TAKE IT from me, anything can happen on a coon hunt. One night my cousin Kenny and I went coon hunting with a neighbor, Ray, who had a pair of good hounds. One was a red-bone called Eden. The other was a black-and-tan named Armageddon.

Ray was viewed with a jaundiced eye by the Establishment. He was considered shiftless and no-account because he had a large family and never did a lick of work.

Kenny and I liked him, though. His shotgun and deer rifles were always in good repair. He had the best hunting dogs in the country, and he was always ready for a hunting trip.

Well, this particular night we hadn't been out in the woods very long when Ray's hounds let out a yelp that told us they were on a hot track.

We followed the dogs for about a half-mile to a creek. There the dogs stopped and, barked at the object of their fury which had sought refuge under the roots of a giant elm that hung over the edge of the creek.

At first Ray and Kenny tried to flush out the animal by firing twenty-two shells into the soft ground between the roots of the tree. After about

30 shots apiece, they decided this approach wouldn't work.

"I'll get that coon out of there," Kenny cried. Thereupon he pulled on a pair of gloves, stepped down into the water and reached up under the bank of the creek.

"Yow!" he yelled, obviously in pain, and fell backwards into the creek.

In that instant we learned it wasn't a coon we were after. It was a skunk that bit Kenny, and the stench was incredible.

We should have pushed on for better game, but Kenny wouldn't hear of it. He pumped at least a box of shells into the creek above the spot he thought the skunk would be and stepped into the creek again.

THIS TIME he used more caution and managed to get

hold of one of the skunk's rear legs. The skunk held onto a root with its front claws but Kenny proved stronger and managed to jerk it out from under the bank.

He tossed the skunk to the other side of the creek where Ray finished it off with the twenty-two.

Ray wouldn't let us take it home in his car so I returned by foot the next day to get the animal. It wasn't hard to find. All I had to do was follow the creek and let my nose tell me where it was.

About two months later, at the end of our trapping season, Kenny and I sold the skunk to the local fur dealer in the small town near my grandfather's farm. Unskinned and piled with bullet holes, the pelt of that skunk brought us exactly \$1.

Baruch Blasts Baker's Record

Leonard P. Baruch, Democratic candidate for state representative in the 6th district, charged Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington) with "total unconcern for the safety of each and every person living in this district."

During a speech in the Holly Hills Subdivision, Baruch questioned Baker's judgment on several issues, including Baker's opposition to increased aid to intermediate school districts. "It is an obligation to support these schools," he said, "especially in the 6th district, he said."

"Gov. Milliken vetoed the bill," Baruch went on, "that would have made the State Liquor Control Commission an autonomous entity." He said Baker supported the measure.

Baruch accused Baker of voting to increase the salary of the chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission but not the salary of the director of the Michigan State Police, who has since resigned.

"We can no longer allow the same tired ideas to permeate the State Legislature," Baruch said. "Each citizen has an obligation to look at the candidates and see who can really improve the situation."

"Baker has been there for 10 years. It's time for a change."

Takes Basic

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