



DAVID ABOWD of Farmington, a sophomore at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic High School, was recently picked to represent the Redford Junior Achievement Business Center for the semi-final JA best salesman contest.

# Schoolcraft One-Mill Vote Sept. 13

By KATHY MORAN  
Schoolcraft Community College will ask the public for an additional half-mill for capital improvement purposes and a second half-mill for capital improvement in a special election set for Monday, Sept. 13.

Voters will ballot separately on each half-mill request.

The Board of Trustees approved the millage election by a 5 to 1 vote with two members absent. Dr. R. Robert Geake, of Northville, at-large trustee, voted against it, contending the election should be at an earlier date.

Currently the college receives 1.77-mills from residents of Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Northville and Clarencville School Districts.

The first mill was passed in June of 1962, and the only additional millage increase amounting to .77 mill was passed in June of 1966.

One mill amounts to \$1 paid on each \$1,000 of the state equalized valuation of an owner's property.

For example, a \$25,000 home would be assessed at a \$12,500 SEV and thus pay \$12.50 per year for each mill levied.

Should the two half-mill proposals pass in September, they would be in effect for 20 years.

A half-mill will go for operating costs, and the second half-mill will be used to begin Phase II of the college building plan, according to the trustees.

President Eric Bradner told the trustees that the Phase II plan will be especially expedient with Gov. Milliken's plan to put a 140 on university curriculum and force more students into the community colleges.

An arts center is at the top of the priority list under the construction plan. Expansion of the student center, cultural arts program, vocational-technical and business programs are second on the list with five other expansion programs following.

Schoolcraft's trustees decided to hold the millage election separate from the trustee election in June for two reasons.

First, they said they needed added time to prepare and present information on the millage requests to the community.

Also, by not linking the millage with the trustee election, they hoped to avoid having it become a campaign issue or conflict with any other local millages that might be on the ballots in June.

The millage proposals will "stand or fall on their own merit," according to the trustees' rationale.

Dr. Bradner told the trustees that "so far as we can tell at this time, it is a clear and clean date." This means that the election will be solely for the one mill and that the college will pay the estimated \$30,000 election expense.

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**DEMOLAYS INSTALL** — The Farmington Order of DeMolay has installed Margo Sundquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sundquist, of 29001 Oak Point Dr., as chapter sweetheart. The new master counselor is Gary Geha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geha of 32533 Nestlewood.

## Local DeMolays Install New Chapter Leaders

FARMINGTON Chapter of the Order of DeMolay recently held its 17th annual installation of officers in the Farmington Masonic Temple with Gary G. Geha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geha of 32533 Nestlewood, being installed as master counselor.

Barry A. Calhoun was installed as senior counselor and David A. Cole as junior counselor.

The following were installed as apprentice officers: Rick Sundquist as senior deacon; Robert Evans as junior deacon; Leon Kopin as senior steward; Donald Hunter as junior steward; and Robert D'Agostino as orator.

Also: Michael Schaff as scribe-treasurer; Robert Winnie as chaplain; Dean Dunifon as sentinel; Allan Ackroyd as marshal; Dennis Davenport as stenoar;

bearer; Dale Turton as altarman; John Kish as organist.

Installed as preceptors were Tim Trout, William Lough, David Terrill, Doug MacDowell, William Frey, Bruce Frey, and Samuel L. Cole III.

GARY H. LUKOVICH, past state master counselor and international master counselor, was the installing officer.

Lukovich was assisted by such distinguished DeMolays as Robert Hager of Lansing, Charles Harwell of Farmington, Chris Pedigo of Ferndale, Lee Van Ameyde, James Lough, and Michael Schaff, all of Farmington.

Miss Margo Sundquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sundquist of 29001 Oak Point Dr., was crowned the 1971 chapter sweetheart by the outgoing sweetheart, Miss Marti Daulmer. Both girls were given presents by the chapter.

The newly installed master counselor was also awarded the distinction of being chosen as Farmington Chapter's most outstanding DeMolay.

AT THE conclusion of the ceremony, the traditional "Flower Talk" was given by "Dad" Sam Cole. During the talk, new members of the order are reminded of the love and devotion given them by their parents.

Ray Joelin was the organist. Phil Holwey was soloist accompanied by his son Christopher. Members of Farmington Bethel No. 55, Order of Job's Daughters, acted as hostesses.

The new master counselor has many social and civic activities planned for the coming term. The first will be a "prospect party" on March 5 at his house. It is open to any young man between the ages of 14-21 who is interested in the Order of DeMolay.

Also as a community service, the new master counselor is stressing environmental clean-up during his term of office which will conclude in September.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED to Farmington Township is that growth outside of its boundaries, one way or another, will alter the complexion of the community and probably upset some very carefully made plans.

One escapable, unarguable, condition is that during this decade a market area will exist to the west and north of Farmington Township to support (thereby creating) a regional shopping center of the Northland Center. Zoning cannot dissolve the market area because it is created by people living in and moving into, a defined area.

The township, through its zoning power, could reject the center. But because the market area exists, the center would locate to the immediate west or north of Farmington Township. The township would be faced with all the problems caused by a large center but without all the tax revenue such a project generates.

State and county highway planners are on record as stating 12 and 13 Mile Rds. must be widened sometime

### An Editorial

## Is A Center Desired?

By EMORY DANIELS

Great numbers of homeowners have taken a personal interest in Farmington Township government in the past 90 days, and it took millions of dollars to stimulate the attraction.

Township meetings had been drawing 30 to 50 residents, but now the planning commission audience number in the hundreds. Credit goes to the HTK Corp. which wants to invest millions in a regional enclosed mall with four major department stores. Principal mover in the HTK Corp. is the Taubmann Co. of Southfield.

Taubmann's request, to rezone more than 300 acres for a shopping center and auxiliary commercial, office and residential uses has awakened the Farmington community. Homeowners now see a great change on the horizon if the rezoning is approved. That change, however, has been visible to others for some time.

The arguments, pro and con, are many and both relevant and irrelevant, subjective and objective. Resting above the emotion, however, is the key issue of whether Farmington Township wants a regional shopping center.

IF THE TOWNSHIP desires a regional shopping center, the land should be rezoned. If this is not the best use for 300 acres, then rezoning should be denied and the land should lie fallow until a developer requests the best use.

The 300 acres are now zoned for single-family homes. The township's master plan does not contain any provision for a regional shopping center.

Before supporting rezoning, however, consider that at the west end of the site will be an interchange at 13 Mile and the proposed north-south 1-275 expressway. Is a high-class single-family subdivision desirable so near a busy expressway interchange?

The master plan was adopted a year ago after a three-year study. Thus, some of the master plan are already four years old. The plan is hinged on population projections based on the 1960 census. Have these measurements been affected by the 1970 census?

A master plan is a guide suggesting what land use should be, not a zoning ordinance which determines land use. Planners now must decide if changes during the past four years — and since the 1960 census — are critical enough to rezone contrary to the SUGGESTIONS in the master plan.

IF THE TOWNSHIP decides it will accept a regional shopping center, then the HTK proposal would be acceptable.

before 1990 with only population growth and available finances determining when. The 1-275 expressway is scheduled for completion by the end of 1976.

With these roads changes on the board, another irrevocable condition is that the 300 acres will not remain undeveloped. If the center does not locate here, the pressure will be great for strip commercial along 13 Mile with multiples filling the rest of the acreage.

As one planning commissioner pointed out, location of the center would concentrate a great deal of commercial use in one location and allow the township to prevent strip development of undesirable commercial enterprises.

WITH CAREFUL planning, a regional center could serve township residents and be a beneficial tax asset. Among the important benefits would be accelerated construction of the 10 Mile sewer arm.

The 10 Mile arm is such an expensive project that it cannot be undertaken without great cost to homeowners unless a major developer is found to kick in a handful of cash. Besides an individual contribution, — a large developer could also loan the funds to the township to get work started on the arm.

If the 10 Mile arm is built — and it eventually must — the township must choose which large developer it will use to assist. The Taubmann Co. must certainly be considered a candidate.

The center will, of course, create problems. But the problems should be no greater than the ones faced by the farmers when all those city slickers began moving into Farmington Township.

for the following reasons:

Taubmann has the financial resources to put together a high-quality project; Taubmann is an expert and a leader in the field of developing regional centers; the 300-acre site is probably the best in the township because of its nearness to the 1-275 interchange; and the site plan, with some minor alterations, is cleverly done.

The site plan takes ecology into mind by retaining the one good set of trees and by converting present swamps into recreational lakes for townhouses surrounding the center.

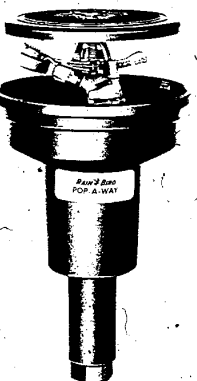
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