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HAPPY WINNER. Mrs. Betty Dinsner, of 15231 W. Lincoln, Oak Park, receiving key to her prize, from the deputy Grand Knight of St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus, Anthony Reda. Husband James Dinsner looks on. The 1965 Plymouth Pury was first prize at the Annual Summer Festival, held on St. Francis Hall grounds, in Farmington.

Relations between the Farmington Township administration and the Township's Building Dept. are at an impasse. The inspectors newly organized as an affiliate of Council 25, of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AF of L, CIO have failed so far to bring the Township to the bargaining table. According to Walter L. Oliver, bargaining agent for the Union: "The Township Board has by way of the refusal to recognize any grievances of their employees. I had sent them a letter saying we wished to negotiate with them with respect to a working agree-

ment which would govern those employees that we represent. "We enclosed also a proposed statement of policy so that they could have ample time to review and re-visit wherever they deemed it necessary. They, in return, have replied to the effect that they are not willing to negotiate or for that matter even discuss the employees problems and policies with the union representative. "It is a phone conversation with Township Supervisor Curt Hall, I was told that he could not speak for the entire Board, but he felt they had no objection to discussing those problems involved with the employees themselves. "This leaves me no alternative as their authorized representative than to file for intervention of the State Labor Mediation

Board. We are entitled as a union to represent any given group of employees in any given governmental agency. And there is in order to protect the legal rights of those employees we find it necessary now to litigate the matter." In a conversation with the Observer, Oliver noted that the legislature there has been approved in both Houses of the Legislature legislation which will mandate collective bargaining and written agreements between unions and governmental agencies. "Oliver was referring to HB 2953, which if signed by the Governor, as he is expected to do, will repeal the penalties which can presently be imposed on public officials who go out on strike. The strikes would still be prohibited, but

law will provide machinery for doing this. Oliver is not predicting a strike, however. He says that "with the number of attorneys on the Township Board, once they understand the meaninglessness of the new legislature, there will be no problem in getting this meeting we want." He says that "most of the proposed agreements presently exist in the Township, but have never been put in writing for the Township employees." The administration turned down a meeting with the Union on the ground that it represented only five of the 42 Township employees. The Union counters with the argument that it represents 100 per cent of the building inspectors, and that "this is the only classification that we are bargaining agents for."

Byron Walter Resigns; Zoning Board Abolished

Creation of a Planning Commission, which will heretofore replace the Township's Zoning Board, was the highlight of a busy evening for the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, which met on Monday, June 28. And there was a touch of pathos, as Supervisor Curt Hall read a letter of resignation from Byron Walter, who, Walter, who is respected and well-liked, can no longer serve on the Board because he is about to assume the duties of Justice of the Peace in the Township. Thomas R. Nolan, Chairman of the Republican Party for the Township, seems certain to replace him.

The Planning Board was created to fulfill a Federal requirement, of all communities that desire to participate in the Federal Government's 701 Program. Under this program, the government provides funds to a community to be used on a program of long-range planning.

Zoning Board Splits Finale

The remaining request by Jarvis Schmidt of Hubbard and Associates for rezoning of 29.29 acres which he owns in the vicinity of Grand River and Halstead, from residential to light industrial was approved by the Farmington Township Board of Appeals, at its final meeting on Thursday, June 24. The vote was three-two-one, with Carl E. Hamann and Dave Mills dissenting, and Charles Lorion abstaining. Charles Williams, Grace Richardson, and Percy Garbouse represented the majority of victory.

The case was clearly significant. Almost 100 citizens were in the audience. And most of them left when it was over. Schmidt was there with Bill Bowman, Vice President of the Thompson-Brown Co., who is Chairman of the Township's Industrial Development Committee. Bowman is most anxious to get more land zoned industrial as an inducement to prospective industries.

New Speeds In Township

The Oakland County Road Commission, acting on a request by the Farmington Township administration, that the Commission conduct a survey, has lowered the speed limit in certain areas of Middlebelt, 12 Mile Road, and Farmington Road in the Township. These changes will go into effect as soon as posted.

While out of public life, at least for the time being, Hamann and Mills may take some solace and perhaps vindication from the fact that the Township is now going to develop a very complete master plan with the funds of the Federal Government. Edward Weist, a long served as Secretary for the Township Zoning Board, will fill that role on the new body. Supervisor Hall expressed high praise for Weist's dedication and accomplishments. He described Weist as a man who gets the job done, no matter how hard it is, and who comes right out and tells you what's on his mind.

He had good news from Trustee Earl Oppenbuser, that Cliff Dickson had created—for the second time—the Township Seal. Artist Dickinson's first Seal had been tragically lost by an express company.

It was thus a victory of perseverance for V. J. Dickinson and his patron, Mr. Oppenbuser, who had assigned him to the task of drawing it. Dickson is altruistic as well as artistic. He has offered to accept to the Police Fund. The Trustees have accepted the proposition with much gratitude.

Fourth Of July Fireworks Set For Kendallwood Sub.

Plans for an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration complete with flags, floats, prizes, picnics, and fireworks are now being made in Kendallwood Subdivision. Those in attendance will hear an address by Hon. William J. Beer, of the Oakland County Circuit Court. The program was inaugurated last year for the first time, and proved so successful that it will be repeated this year.

Bob Nelson, of Hawthbury Rd., announced the following schedule: on Saturday, July 3, the grounds adjacent to the school will be sprayed with mosquito repellent so revelers can enjoy themselves in comfort. On July 4, the kickoff will be the parade of children in their costumes and floats vying for prizes. Contestants will meet at the pump house in Kendallwood 1. In order to avoid any favoritism, tags will be issued to each parade.

By MARGE DI PIAZZA
The Farmington School Board Monday night tipped the calendar about five years into the future and now foresees the need for several additional schools for the area, some of which will be needed as early as 1967. According to Superintendent of Schools Gerald V. Harrison, Farmington School District will very possibly require in the years ahead five to six more elementary schools, two or more junior high schools, and four senior high schools.

Based on future population, estimated conservatively to be 60,000 by 1970, there will be 4,000 more elementary students, almost 2,000 more junior high students, and 1,500 senior high pupils by 1970.

To be prepared for the influx, the Board is faced with planning of additional site acquisitions which land is still available. Three committees—buildings, location, and operation—are set up for immediate study with reports due the second regular meeting in July.

Harrison said he expected that four mills would be required to handle expenditures up to 1970. This, however, he stated, should not increase tax levies to the pending exhaustion of four previously levied mills.

In selecting sites, Dr. Bill Slays, Conservation Consultant for Ann Arbor schools and a University of Michigan School of Resources professor, presented the Board with several slides illustrating the importance of preserving as much as possible, natural topographical conditions for outdoor education.

The parade will be a gala affair with floats, bands, and floats with red upholstery and lots of blue streamers (donated by Kendallwood Al Blum), leading parade float.

Following will be a picnic and a dunk tank. The dunk tank (children who were actually born on July 4). Fourth of July orations, a sole departure from the past, will be stream-lined. No one is entitled to over a five minute speech. The parade will take the route followed last year and will wind up at Woodale School. Next on the agenda comes a parade of activities, sports, dancing, teen dancing, mixed baseball, kiddie races, bean and potato races, six o'clock picnic (seven years and up). This program will be groups ("brownies"), neighborhood groups, etc.

Kenbrook parking lot, sore spot to parents in the area, was approved for upgrading in August with immediate official application. Salary of a reading specialist was approved. Superintendent Harrison reported that the 1964-65 budget ended in the black.

The Board authorized the taking of action on the sale of \$250,000 in building and site bonds. This is series 2, the second half of the \$5,000,000 bond issue voted in November, 1953 to defray the cost of new school buildings in Farmington, the remodeling and additions to present buildings, and the improvement to buildings and sites and the construction of a service building.

Two Subs Join In Celebration

Andrew Suvak, President of the Westbrooke Manor Association and Dave Clyde, President of the Kendallwood Farms Association, have announced plans for the celebration and remembrance of the Fourth of July, the 180th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of our country.

In order to promote family activity and the observance and understanding of this great day in our history, the Kendallwood Farms and Westbrooke Manor Associations are holding a "Bike and Trike" Parade on Monday, July 5th, at the Kenbrook School.

The parade will begin at 8:30 a.m. when material will be loaded out with children and their parents can decorate the bikes and trikes. Following this, a parade will be led by a Ford Mustang, courtesy of the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company, and Oldsmobile convertible, courtesy of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation and a horse ridden by Chris Ward.

Threlkeld, from North Farmington High School. At 8 p.m., a drawing will be held at the dance. The Ford Mustang, which will have led the parade in the morning, will be awarded, courtesy of the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company, for two weeks, to a resident of Kendallwood Farms or Westbrooke Manor, provided he is in attendance at the drawing.

Learning Golf

If you are between the ages of 13 and 17 years old and would like to learn the fundamentals of golf, you may enroll in a course at the Farmington Area YMCA. It is a 4 week golf course beginning July 9. Registration is limited so call the YMCA at 474-3222.

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Some of the merchants in the Westbrooke Shopping Center have agreed to remain open during the dance so that refreshments can be made available. According to the Dance Committee co-chairman, Mrs. Nancy Fassfield and Mrs. Mary Harvard, 9 o'clock will mark the conclusion of the festivities which are intended to create not only family entertainment but also a few moments Independence Day had on the formation of our country and its continued growth and prosperity through these 180 years.

MAKING PLANS FOR THE COMBINED Fourth of July Celebration of the Kendallwood Farms and Westbrooke Manor Subdivisions, is a joint dance committee from both Subdivision Associations. They are, from left to right: Standing: David Clyde, President of Kendallwood Farms; Bob Orman, and John Thomas. Seated: Nancy Fassfield and Mary Harvard.

