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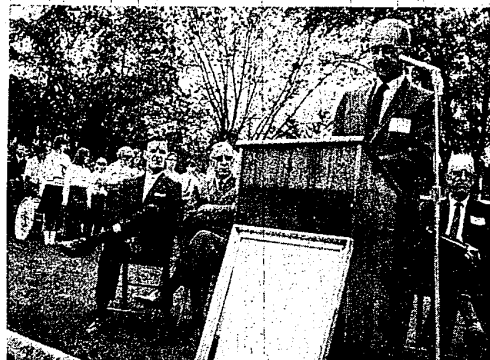
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER At the dedication of the Farmington Historical Marker on the west lawn of the Farmington Municipal Building, Saturday is F. C. Bald. Seated from the left, Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton, Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall, and Treasurer of the Farmington Historical Society Paul Schreiber. In the background is a combined band of Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

Historical Ceremony a Success; Past and Present Are Praised

The ceremony dedicating the Historical Marker, on the lawn of the Farmington Municipal Building, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11, was an artistic and intellectual success. And it drew a sizeable crowd of approximately 250 people—including, from various parts of the state and nation, a number of the descendants of Arthur Power, Farmington's founder.

The size and success of the afternoon added evidence to the words of speaker Paul Schreiber, Past President of the Farmington Historical Society. In his remarks, Schreiber, himself a history instructor at Detroit's Mackenzie High School, stated that all across the country there is a growing interest in the past particularly in one's own roots in the past.

Farmington's part in the history books tells of beginnings as the first official Quaker meeting in Michigan. (A Quaker meeting is the equivalent of a congregation in other denominations.) Schreiber, in his remarks, gave special praise to Vayle Larson, of the Farmington Historical Society for doing the research which confirmed Farmington's claim to that distinction. Mrs. Lorion had spent many hours investigating original sources—letters, diaries, manuscripts, etc.

F. C. Bald, a distinguished Professor of History at the University of Michigan, was the keynote speaker.

As President of the Farmington Historical Society, Mrs. Robert H. Briggs, a teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, accepted the Marker for the community. Presenting it to her was Hudson Meade, Vice President of the Michigan Historical Commission. (Unlike the various historical societies, the Historical Commission is a state agency established by law.)

Also on hand for the presentation was William K. Alderfer, Director of the Michigan Historical Society. This group which is not a governmental agency, gives assistance to local groups and carries out a program of lectures and conferences on state historical matters.

He had praise for Farmington's present as well as its past: "Your Society," he

School Bids Are Too High

At their regular Monday evening meeting the Farmington Board of Education agreed to reject the three low bids submitted for the new Fairview Elementary School. These bids, originally presented at meetings Sept. 1 and 3 were some \$70,000 over the established budget of \$480,000.

At the same time architect Linn Smith, reported to the Board on a long list of cost reductions that could be made to cut down on the construction costs.

Revisions in the plans will be made and the school will be bid in the next few weeks.

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Bowling Alley Is Threatened With Loss of Liquor License

The management of the Northwest Lanes, 32905 Northwest Highway spend most evenings listening to the "frug" the "jeff" and the "waltz" on Monday evening, Sept. 13 they faced a different kind of music. It was not pleasant.

Tom Langan, Sr. and his son Bob appeared at a closed session of the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, along with Township Justice of the Peace Byron Walter, and Township Chief of Detectives Russ Conway, prior to the regular Board meeting that night.

It is within the power of the administration to strip a drinking establishment of its right to sell liquor. The Langans were told that unless they practice stricter control of the liquor regulations, and the keeping of law and order in the Northwest, this is the fate that awaits them.

However, even if the discotheque—which is patronized largely by young people—does manage to return to the good graces of the Township, it may still find itself without a license in the not-too-distant future. This is so because the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which also holds life or death power in such cases, has taken an active interest in the management of the Northwest Lanes.

In June, a state investigator cited the Northwest for allowing a minor to drink. The Township's Detective Bureau cited it for the same thing in July. And in August, the Detective Bureau cited it for allowing a minor to work in the bar area. The three pending violations will come before the Commission probably soon—though the date and time are up to the Commission.

The Township's closed-door warning to the owner was revealed at the end of the regular Township Board meeting. Trustee Earl Oppenhausner rose to make a motion that the Township Police be asked to make special, and detailed monthly reports on the Northwest, including any activities they encounter there, "with the

idea of possible revocation of license."

Other Action In other action, the Board passed a resolution pertaining to the Township's portion of the Walnut Lake Sanitary Sewer Arm. This involves a small segment of the west corner of the Township—nine lots—but is a huge project of over a million dollars outside of the Township. The Township's share will be about \$150,000. Thus the nine lots would be serviced for about \$150 a piece. It will be paid off in 10-15 years.

The Board sustained the Planning Commission's denial of a zoning amendment on 202 acres in Section One, at the

Rec Program Is City Only

The fall program of the Farmington Area Recreation will begin early in that month.

The activities which will be included in the program have not as yet been worked out exactly.

The City anticipates sending out a program flyer designating programs, time-schedules, location, and other permanent data, to that people will be alerted to the various programs.

At its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, the City took a three-fold action with respect to the Recreation program. They decided to limit enrollment to residents. They approved the concept of the fall and spring recreation program. And, finally, they took the position that there should be a registration fee to cover incidental expenses in conducting these activities.

The program will run for 10 weeks into the early winter, and will re-run early in the spring.

There will be a \$1 per hour charge for the rent of classrooms and all-purpose rooms. The cafeteria will rent for \$5 for three hours or less; Multi-purpose rooms for \$5 for three hours or less; gymnasium \$5 an hour; and kitchen facilities \$5 not including lunch room.

corner of Northwestern Highway and 13 Mile Road, which would have rezoned the piece from R-1 residential to O-Office. The Board agreed with the Planning Commission that since the area is large residential, and since the property is suitable for residential, an office would not be a proper usage of the land.

Since the Village of Quakertown now pays the Township a tax of two mills, it should no longer have to pay an annual fee for fire protection. This cancels a yearly obligation of \$600. It was reasoned that since servicing Quakertown's fire needs cost the Township approximately \$400 a year, the

two mills should cover the cost easily.

This led to the decision to notify the Village of Woodcreek Farms that since it pays the Township a one-mill tax it is entitled to fire protection. Supervisor Hall said he would and Woodcreek a written notice of this. But it was doubted (Continued on Page 16B)

Board of Education Approves Two New Special Ed Courses

By JOY STINSON

Two special programs—one to aid children with perceptual problems and another in second and third grade reading—were approved Monday evening by the Farmington Board of Education.

Interim Special Education Director Douglas Smith requested and received approval for a special education program for children who have faulty perception.

The program already has received Oakland County's authorization. Though they have good measurable intelligence children with perceptual difficulties do not achieve in school because they are unable to perceive normally, Smith said.

Smith hopes to launch program plans immediately and it

could become a part of next year's curriculum. Farmington, at the suggestion of Oakland County, will work closely with Southfield, possibly one district teaching the lower grade children concerned and the other the older students.

At the request of Smith, Mrs. Nancy Broderick, now in Farmington's special education program, has been named as the teacher for this new program.

The class for perceptually handicapped children will be limited to eight to 10 children, most in the age range of six through 10.

Objectives of the program, according to Smith, will be to train the child to compensate for perceptual disturbances, offer remedial education to bring the child near to grade level, and

return the child to his regular program in about two years.

The perceptual development program will be making use of tax dollars received from the recent millage increase for special education.

In the two-year reading program, Farmington will be a part of a \$24,000 grant for 1965-66 provided by the U. S. Office of Education to study "The Teaching of Reading in the Primary Grades."

The study was initiated by Dr. Harry Hahn, former Director of Instruction with Oakland County and now professor of education at Oakland University, along with heads of two other similar projects in the East.

Farmington participated in (Continued on Page 16B)

Wide Variety, Good Reading At Annual Used Book Sale

Station wagons in the Farmington area this summer are not carrying dogs and kids—but books! AAUW members are collecting books for their 13th annual Used Book Sale to be held Sept. 23, 24 and 25 at the Old National Bank of Detroit Building, corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

A sneak preview of the books piled up in garages and basements of members revealed besides the usual novels, classics, textbooks, and the like, the complete library of a man who was making telescopes, a two-volume set of "The Cottage Bible" dated 1831, Geology books 75 to 100 years old for the collector, and for the Tiger Fan

a copy of the Free Press with the headlines "Tigers Clinch Pennant" dated 1935.

There are current and back issues of the "National Geographic" and sets of encyclopedias. For the children there's the Bobsey Twins, Nancy Drew, the Oz books, and many many little Golden Books. In the White Elephant Section are to be found flower arranging equipment for Garden Club members,

back issues of the "Workbasket" for the crocheter and needlecrafters; patterns for the sewers; leather pieces and fabric samples for the artsy-craftsy folks. Mrs. Robert Simanek, 53355 Elythe Drive, Farmington is general chairman of the sale. Proceeds will benefit the Farmington Library and the AAUW's Educational Foundation which provides fellowships for gifted women graduate students.

Disaster Training to Begin In Farmington Community

A medical emergency course in "Survival and Disaster Training" for the Farmington area will be offered in both the City and Township this month.

It will begin in the City, at the Flanders School, 32600 Flanders, on Tuesday, Sept. 21. In the Township, it will begin on the following day, at East Jr. High School, 29000 Middlebelt. These will be the permanent sites of the course, which will run for 12 weeks, from 8 to 10 p.m.

The course will include instruction and practice in 18 subject areas. It is being presented by the Oakland County Office of Civil Defense. Registered nurses will teach the classes, aided by films and other training aids. There will be no charge, and no exams. Certificates will be given to those who complete the course.

This is not a first aid class. The training received is far more advanced than home nursing or other comparable programs. Those who participate will find the training they receive useful, not only in major disaster, but also in home and car accidents, and in treating sickness in the family.

In the event of an enemy attack, this training will enable a parent to better care for members of the family and friends, and also provide training which will assist in relieving nurses from many tasks.

Coordinator to the course for the City is Mary Loy Hillemeier. For the Township is Betty Best.

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Director of Civil Defense for the Township is that community's Chief of Detective Russel Conway. Farmington Chief of Police Maurice Foltz is Director of Civil Defense in the City.

Both men are hopeful that the course will be well attended. They feel it will provide skills that will be useful in home emergencies as well as in special ones.

Parents Protest Dangerous Walk

A delegation of parents from West Franklin Estates appeared at The Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night to protest the new transportation policy that affects 25 of their elementary aged children.

Instead of being bused as in

the past, these children have been instructed to walk one and a half miles to Bond school.

A new walking route that connects their subdivision to Canterbury Commons a subdivision now under construction.

The parents presented pictures of what they called the poor condition of the pathway. They also expressed displeasure because it leads through secluded sections across bridges with broken guardrails and over a storm ditch. They said they felt that it was a safety hazard for these young children to be passing through an area under construction and filled with equipment and many loaded trucks.

The Board changed the transportation schedule (several members have taken the walk down the path) and decided to again bus the children to Bond this year. The situation will be reviewed again next year in the hope that the area will be developed enough to allow the children to walk to the school in safety.

K of C to Hold Weekly Dances

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council, will be holding a two-night dance every Friday from 9 to 12 p.m., at Middlebelt and Grand River. Admission is 75 cents. Disc jockeys John Darryl and Larry Schreffer will feature records and live entertainment. This week the entertainment will be Meek of Meek and the Orphans.



A MEETING WAS held on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Our Lady of Sorrows, called by the Farmington Human Relations Council to plan expansion of the human relations program in the City and Township. Council members and community leaders attended the session. They decided to establish an advisory body of governmental, education, business, and many leaders to work with the Council. The group also supported the creation of an official Farmington Human Relations Commission. Pictured above, chairing the meeting, from the left, Robert Leidlein, Chairman of the Human Relations Council, and John Millhone, Past Chairman.

NEW! NEW! NEW!

The newest idea yet. It's the "Shoppers Specials" column in the classified section. What will you find there? Everything! Unusual items, gift ideas, bargains of all kinds, good things to eat. Things to wear for every member of the family. Furniture suggestions for the house or yard. All sorts of sporting equipment and hobby supplies. Something for everyone. Check this exciting new column in the Observer Classified Section. Do it now!

Election Date Set

Monday evening, Sept. 13, the Farmington Board of Education approved Nov. 15, 1965 as the date for the special school election. They also authorized the board counsel to prepare the necessary resolutions for adoption by the Board.

A \$5,100,000 bond issue for site and building needs and two operating millage questions are expected to be on the fall ballot.