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SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATE for \$250 to any college of her choice is presented to Bonnie Britton (second from left), of North Farmington High, by Pat Nowack, president of the Farmington Jaycees, after she was crowned Farmington's Junior Miss of 1965 in judging Saturday in the Farmington Junior High auditorium. Bonnie won over a field of seven con-

Bonnie Britton Chosen As This Year's Junior Miss

Bonnie Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Britton of 3424 Northwick and a 17-year-old senior at North Farmington High School is this year's Farmington Junior Miss.

She was awarded a \$250 scholarship, which she will use at the University of Michigan, Saturday at the annual Junior Miss Pageant staged by the Farmington Jaycees.

Bonnie's hobbies and recreational activities include acting in Farmington Players productions, singing, dancing, reading and the study of the French and Portuguese languages. Last summer she visited Brazil under the American Peace Service program.

Sheila Stegauer, a senior at Our Lady of Sorrows High School, was named first runner-up. A total of seven girls, four from North Farmington and three from Our Lady of Sorrows, participated.

Serving as judges this year were: Evelyn Kesson of Evelyn Kesson Dance Studios in Farmington; Farmington City Manager John Dinan; and Harvey Goldberger of Harv's Suburban Estates.

Norm Potts was the master of ceremonies, while Dorothy Sedick was the organist. Stage director was Bill Quayry.

Farmington's Junior Miss will compete in January, at Pontiac

Runs Stop Sign, Man Injured

A 92-year-old Birmingham resident was injured in an accident Monday at Orchard Lake and Freedom Rds. and was taken to Botsford General Hospital.

The hospital said Monday afternoon that the condition of Goodwin Kroenig of 4955 S. Clunburg, Birmingham was satisfactory and that he would be released "soon."

Kroenig was traveling east on Freedom Rd. and hit a car driven by Alice J. DePodesta, 57, of 22855 Walsingham, Farmington, which was going north on Orchard Lake.

Mrs. DePodesta told Farmington Township Police that Kroenig did not stop at the stop sign and hit her car as she was crossing the intersection. Kroenig told police that he did not see the stop sign.

He said the study committee being considered by the Township Board is a good beginning but that it needs to be expanded to include more districts. He said this could be done by asking each



THE ELKS wish every child a happy Christmas and this year they are once again collecting and refurbishing toys for the Goodfellows. As a part of the project they obtained the Goodfellows, Elks and Moose are co-sponsoring a Teen Hop Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Farmington High School gym. The price of admission to the dance is a new toy of at least \$1 in value. In addition to the work of the Elks more than 150 women are busy dressing dolls. If you wish to donate "Toys for Tots" or know of a needy family in the Farmington area contact the Goodfellows at 474-9960 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Nix on Apartments in Northeast Section

No apartments will be constructed at Middlebelt and Northwestern in Farmington Township at the present time and the Township's Planning Commission indicated its feeling Monday night that no further apartment construction would be approved until the 5,000 to 6,000 units already OK'd were constructed and occupied.

At issue at a public hearing Monday night was a request to rezone 4.42 acres from the present business, office and single residential classification to permit construction of 44 luxury apartment units.

Seymour Levine, architect for the proposed apartments, told the Commission and the audience which jammed the Township's meeting room that the backers of the project felt that apartments would create a buffer zone between the existing

Millage Renewal in C'ville

Residents of the Clarenceville School District will be asked to approve extension of a seven mill tax levy at a special election next month.

Members of the Board of Education voted unanimously at their last meeting to set Monday, Jan. 17, as the date for the election. Livonia Public Schools voters will go to the polls on the same day for a millage and bond election.

Board members emphasized that there is no increased taxation involved. Seven mills are now being collected which were originally authorized for a five-year period in 1959. This millage expires this month and cannot be used for the 1966-67 school budget unless approved at the Jan. 17 election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at precinct 1 (Clarenceville Jr. High School) and precinct 2 (Clarenceville High School). The district includes the northwest section of Redford Township, the northeast part of Livonia, and part of southeastern Farmington Township.

Commission Clears Agenda

At its regular meeting Monday night the Farmington Township Planning Commission:

Set a public hearing for the fourth Thursday in January on the rezoning of a lot on Biddlefield from L-1 (Light Industry) to B-3 (General Business) to permit the expansion of the existing trailer park at 30030 W. Eight Mile Rd.

Approved a final plat request on the first portion of the Heritage Hills Subdivision in Section 4.

Tabled until the first Thursday in January a request from the Michigan Bank to rezone 36 lots at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Rds. to B-3 to permit the rezoning of a bank and shopping center.

This action was taken until further information could be obtained from the State Highway Department on the plans for the expansion of the Northwestern Highway to a six lane superhighway.

Denied a request from Calvin M. Chamberlain to rezone 2.92 acres at Northwestern Highway and 13 Mile Rd. from residential to business.

Refused to rezone five acres on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Rds. to permit the construction of a shopping center which would service the neighborhood.



CHRISTMAS HAS COME and Friday's rain didn't stop Farmington from ringing in the season. Present to help light the tree at the Farmington Plaza were, from left, Irv Rosenberg of Ross Shoes; Joe Kniggen, manager of Kreege's at the Plaza; Farmington Mayor Wil-



bur V. Brotherton; Farmington Councilmen Howard Traylor; John Allen and Ralph Yoder. Santa Claus visited the Plaza briefly last Friday and will return Dec. 11 to meet with all the children until Christmas Eve.

IT Poured and Poured but it didn't stop Santa Claus from arriving at the Livonia Mall via helicopter for his annual pre-Christmas visit with hundreds of eager youngsters. Helping the smiling genie with the white whiskers, big smile and red suit duck under cover as he steps out of the copter are Mayor Harvey Moelke (left)

Water and Sewage Construction Is Booming in the Township

More than a million dollars worth of sewer and water lines are currently under construction in Farmington Township.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns reports that a total of 10 water and sewer projects totaling \$1,078,262.20 are helping to improve the facilities of the Township.

Over the past five years water and sewage construction in the Township has totaled more than six million dollars.

There is still more work to do according to Cairns. However, he points out, "The new subdivisions are required by ordinance to provide water and sewage lines so that is no problem."

Under the procedure the residents of an area must petition the Township for water and sewage facilities and then the Township Board

will set the process in motion.

At last week's meeting the Board started the process to provide Detroit water to four subdivisions — Brookhill, Forestbrook Hills #1, Pebblebrook and Lakeside Estates.

The Board asked that the Township Engineers Pate, Hirm & Boyce prepare cost estimate and set up bond issue for a public by the Board on the requests.

Currently in the works and financed by special assessments are Holly Hill Sewer, at a cost of \$123,800; Regal Orchard Sewer, \$97,250; Meadowbrook Heights Sewer, \$79,300; and the other Hills Sewer.

Just completed are the Coventry Sewer, Gulf Lake Hills and Fairgreen Hills Sewers at a combined cost of \$103,060.

Final plans are just about completed to begin construction of sewers for Park Hill and Kemberton Park at an estimated cost of \$102,000 and \$194,900. In addition work will begin soon on the Grand River Homes project.

The water main in Meadowbrook Hills is estimated to cost \$165,912.20, while sewer facility for the same development is projected at a \$200,700 cost.

Some of the big projects over the past five years have included the System 4 Water Project, the 13 Mile Rd. segment, the Tarbuzz Industrial Sewer Arm and the Tarbuzz Sewer arm and water line. In addition the Grand River Arm of the sewer was installed and the Kendallwood Sewer was constructed in that time.

business usage of the land and the residential areas.

The Franklin Forest and Frank Fairways Subdivision opposed the rezoning through their attorney Wendell Brown.

Brown told the Commission that he was opposed to multiple residences in the northeast corner of the Township and filed a petition with more than 200 signatures of residents of the area protesting rezoning.

"This property is owned by non residents of the Township," he asserted, "they bought the property on a land contract back in 1956, took the deed in 1958 and didn't do anything about zoning from 1958 to 1965."

"Taxes on the 4.8 acres have been \$2,800 and there is no special reason why the owners can't make a reasonable return on their investment under the existing zoning."

"Apartments next to this residential property would be degrading to say the least," he asserted, and stated that the owners had "submitted no specifications, nor information on the character of the proposed units nor on the health, age, charac-

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Water Main for Wood Creek Farms

Construction is scheduled to start in mid-December on a project to extend Detroit water service in Oakland County.

Gerard J. Remus, general manager of the Detroit Department of Water Supply (DWS), said that a 66-inch diameter water main in Inkster Rd. will be extended from Eleven Mile to Fourteen Mile.

The project is part of a DWS plan to link the storage and re-pumping facilities at its West Service Center at Shawwassee and Kitchich Rds. in Southfield to a proposed storage and re-pumping station at Inkster and Fourteen Mile Rds.

Remus said that the pipeline extension will improve DWS service to Farmington and Bloomfield Townships and to the city of Southfield.

He added that the project will make Detroit water available to Wood Creek Farms, Franklin and West Bloomfield Townships, when completed next year.

Vito Trucking and Excavating Company, 23300 W. Warren, will do the construction. The firm, one of 11 seeking the job, was the low bidder at \$59,990.

The DWS now supplies more than 3.3 million persons in Detroit and 61 neighboring communities with water.

Court Slates Night Sessions

This Thursday at 7:30 p.m. the Farmington Municipal Court will hold its first night session. Meeting every day of the week, the Court has found it necessary to add the evening session because of its heavy docket.

Night court will be held one Thursday evening a month in the future.

Approximately 25 cases are tried each month in addition to the many cases coming before the judge which do not involve a trial.

Around Farmington

Rapala is the new street name given to the right of way between Farmington Rd. and Powers Rd. north of Shawwassee by the City's Planning Commission.

Backers of Jack McDonald, an announced candidate for the Republican nomination for the 19th Congressional Seat, are busy cleaning up a house on Grand River in preparation of a grand opening before the holidays. Operated by "friends" of McDonald from Farmington, the headquarters is another step toward the Redford Township Supervisor's formal opening of a campaign. Dick Kuhn also has announced his intention of seeking the nomination to the seat currently held by Democrat Billie S. Farum and Jim O'Neill, a former member of the State Board of Education, has been making "candidate noises" of late.

"Farmington Township Facts for 1965-66" is new off the presses. The booklet which outlines the Township Government, services and tax breakdown plus a map of the area, may be obtained free of charge at the Township Hall.

21 MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

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To Meet 2 Nights Monthly

The Farmington Township Planning Commission has agreed to meet twice a month after the first of the year rather than its previous schedule of one meeting a month.

As scheduled at this time the Commission would meet on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month. The first Thursday would be a study session, in most cases, to work on the Township's master plan, while the fourth Thursday would deal with rezoning and approving of site plans.

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