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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS are needed by the Troop Band of Boy Scout Troop 2390 which is sponsored by The Nardin Park Methodist Church at Farmington. The Band Mothers Club is sponsoring a Spring Fashion Show

## Schools Start on New Junior High, Administration Addition

Preliminary plans for over one and a half million dollars of building construction were approved at the regular Monday evening meeting of the Farmington Board of Education. Specifications were reviewed and revised budgets set for a \$1,600,000 fourth junior high school and a \$184,000 addition to the Administration Building. The proposed 72,000 square foot junior high school is located at a site near the Gill Road elementary school in an area bordered by Farmington and Drake Rds. and Eight and Nine Mile Rds. Plans, drawn up by Linn Smith Associates, call for 27 or 28 teaching stations for a capacity of 800 students. The building as now proposed easily could be expanded to accommodate 1,400 children at a future date. A breakdown of the budget allows for \$1,435,000 for construction. Site development is not to exceed \$50,000. Equipment accounts for \$85,000 with \$30,000 for kitchen, \$22,000 for science, \$50,000 for homemaking, \$7,000 for arts and crafts and \$7,000 for library. The additional budgeted \$28,000 is for unexpected costs. The \$184,000 addition to the Administration Building will be constructed on each end with the larger portion to the east and a smaller addition to the west. The addition will house approximately nine new offices, additional data processing room, lounge and a library and instructional materials center. The architect is Linn Smith Associates. In other business Monday evening: The Board reviewed plans for the Egan Valley apartment development to be constructed on the south side of 12 Mile Rd., just west of Orchard Lake Rd. Specifications call for 122 apartments, the majority being two-bedroom units. No Board action was taken since a change in zoning is not required. The Board agreed to purchase one 36 passenger bus body for \$2,475 and five 60 passenger bus bodies for \$2,775 each. It also voted unanimously to take bids of six bus chassis and two vans to be used to transport special education students.

## Ray Baker to Explain New Medicare Program

State Representative Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington) is alerting senior citizens in the 6th District about the new health insurance for the Aged Act, better known as Medicare. Baker, whose report follows a recent study by a legislative committee, pointed out that the federal program establishes a new health insurance program for the aged, expands the existing Kerr-Mills program, and provides for increases in retirement, survivors and disability payments. "It would be a shame," Baker said, "if qualified persons 65 years of age and older failed to benefit from this program because of lack of information." He urged all potential applicants to check immediately with their nearest Social Security Office to receive complete information and to make sure they don't miss any sign-up deadlines. "In order to be eligible for 5 Guitars for Hire Someone broke the front window of the Terotta Music Studio in the Westbrooke Shopping Center in Farmington Township over the weekend and made off with \$1,727.50 in equipment. Among the items stolen were five guitars.

the medical insurance benefits portion of the program, persons who reached age 65 before Jan. 1, 1966 have only until March 31 to enroll in the plan," he said. For persons who reach age 65 after Dec. 31, 1965, the enrollment period will be limited to the first day of the third month preceding the individual's 65th birthday and his eligibility will continue for seven months. According to Baker, "It's important, very important, to note that the health program benefits do not begin until July of this year and some other benefits do not begin until Jan. 1, 1967." The Farmington Republican cautioned that, "Because of this timetable people should be careful not to cancel prematurely an existing health insurance contract." Baker also warned senior citizens to beware of confidence men who, he said, "represent themselves as Social Security agents seeking advance payments toward Medicare." This fraud has already been operated in several states. "Do not make payments under any circumstances to persons who call at your home. Take all questions to your local Social Security Office," he emphasized.



EXAMINING SOME of the exhibits which will be featured at the Science Exhibit at Dunckel Junior High School is Mrs. Mary Louise Hancock, chairman of the science department. The exhibit, scheduled for March 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. will feature projects of approximately 150 seventh, eighth and ninth grade students. The exhibit is open to the public.

## Township Board OK's New Water Line, Sets Hearings

In a meeting that lasted just about 30 minutes and can best be termed as lackadaisical, the Farmington Township Board cleared an agenda of 16 items Monday night. Even the audience of two people was lackadaisical. No questions or comments were made during the entire session. The agenda included important and some not so important matters—

### ★ ★ ★ Eight Mile Paving to Cause Problem

With the proposed new paving of Eight Mile Farming Township is faced with a problem. Supervisor Curt Hall told the Township Board at its regular session Monday night that so ill conditions in the area would cause problems when the time came for sewer water connections in the industrial park after completion of the paving. Hall estimated that the total cost of making the connections if done after the paving is completed would be in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 price range rather than the previously estimated \$9,000 to \$11,000. "The cost of making the connections would make the price of property in the industrial area prohibitive," he said. Hall added that the possibility of establishing a special assessment area had been explored, but did not seem feasible. He said that the Township Engineers would have an outline on what steps would be necessary to prevent this problem before paving was begun and what the estimated cost would be. This will be ready by March 8.

He suggested the possibility of constructing a line running parallel to Eight Mile Rd. and making provisions for future connections. He suggested that Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan explore various means of financing this work and suggested that perhaps it could be taken from the interceptor fund and the money would all be returned to the Township from the connection fee. Brennan said that he would look into the matter, but suggest to meet the ladies. The occasion was the seventh annual membership tea of the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington.

### Industrial Park to Boom

Farmington Township's Industrial Park is really beginning to grow. During the general discussion of the area at Monday night's Board meeting Supervisor Curt Hall said that it now appeared that the Township would have a total of 12 plants under construction in the area by summer. The chairman of the Township's Industrial Development Commission William Bowman was out of town and could not be reached by The Observer for comment.

### 2 Injured in Township

Two persons were injured Feb. 25 in an auto accident in Farmington Township. Taken to Bofaford General Hospital were Clifford E. Morris, 36, of Pontiac, and Clarence A. Adams, 35, of 30900 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington. Morris was traveling south on Orchard Lake Rd. while Mrs. Adams was traveling north on the same road. Witnesses told police that Mrs. Adams made a left turn in front of the car driven by Morris at a point just south of 13 Mile Rd.

### Finances Is Study Topic

The next meeting of the study committee examining the feasibility of Farmington Township incorporating into a home rule city will begin at 8 p.m. at the Longacre School. The group will examine the financial resources of the community. Longacre is located at 34850 Arundel, just west of Hill Township between Grand River and the Expressway. Will Trade a Coat Farmington Township Police and the owner of the Kendallwood Barber Shop are seeking the person who took the wrong coat out of the shop last week. Whoever took the coat left a three quarter length gold corduroy coat behind complete with a pair of glasses in one pocket. Has Car Trouble A Boy of 24500 Glen Orchard, Farmington, stopped at the Chateau Bar last weekend. When he started out for home he discovered the car wouldn't start. Upon investigation he discovered that someone had taken the battery from the car. Farmington City Toller placed the value of the battery at \$24.

March 22 to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Richard Grand Estates Subdivision district No. 3, Section 24 sewers. In giving the go ahead to the construction of the water line the Board allocated the funds from the construction fund to pay the estimated total cost of \$18,400. The new line is necessary as the City has plans to abandon the water line which currently serves Township residents on the south side of Grand River. In addition to providing water for these people the line will also provide for a loop system connection up with the line along the expressway thus providing alternate water routes for the section. After accepting the resignation of James Skillman from the Township Board of Review "with regret" the Board named Ned Quail to fill the year left in Skillman's unexpired term. The Board also named Douglas MacArthur to a one year term replacing Bob Harris who had resigned previously. On a delegate to the Beautification Committee for the western Michigan the Board left it up to the discretion of Township Supervisor Curtis Hall to find a delegate. The name of Betty Frankel came up, but Hall was not certain she would consent to serve. The Board also gave its approval to one year terms for the proposed new members of the Farmington Youth Commission. The Board had tabled the matter earlier since it had not had an opportunity to examine the names. Named to the Commission were: James Alderman; Sanford Bloomberg, M.D.; Jean Brush; Ruby Klein; Edward Klein; Wesley Mitchell; Margaret Morris; Hugh Watson; L. A. Wicks; Norman Stainbrook; and Robert Deadman. Approval to the names was given by the Farmington City Council last week and the Farmington Board of Education gave its OK at its regular session Monday night. The names now go to the County's Probate Court for its approval and then the appointments will be confirmed. The Board also approved the preliminary plan for the Meadowbrook Hills No. 4 development in the Eight Mile-Hillsted area subject to the approval by the Township Engineers of the drainage systems. The letters came from State Police Commissioner Fred David on a Civil Defense meeting March 14 and one from Michigan Governor George Romney on the same subject and a carbon copy of a letter from the State Liquor Control Commission to the receiver of the Parker House property describing the Township's opposition to the renewal of the existing liquor license in those areas.

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MRS. ROMNEY came to Farmington Monday to meet the ladies. The occasion was the seventh annual membership tea of the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington. Women from throughout the area gathered at Independence Green to meet and talk with the Governor's wife. While in Farmington Mrs. Romney presented a flag to the community.

## Township Sees Drop in Fires

The Farmington Township Fire Department has reported a 38 percent decrease in the number of calls in 1965 over 1964. According to Chief George Hume the biggest reason for the decrease was the sharp drop of 101 fewer calls for grass fires during the past year. Broken down the calls included: 38 house fires; 130 grass fires; 47 fires in cars; 49 miscellaneous, 13 false alarms and 54 rescuator runs. There were three fewer false alarms during 1965 than 1964. Total estimated dollar value of fire loss in the Township last year was \$116,276. During 1964 fire losses totaled \$184,024. Hume said that the biggest cause of fire was the careless burning of rubbish, seconded only by careless smokers and the careless use of matches.

## Planners Clear Agenda With Easy Dispatch

What had all the indications of being a long, dull session of the Farmington Township Planning Commission last week turned out to be relatively brief and was certainly interesting. Brief — the session lasted two and a half hours which is probably some sort of record for planning commissions. Interesting — a proposal for a new kind of planned unit development which included a cluster arrangement of conventional single family dwellings, an apartment complex, and a series of "townhouses." The proposal, prepared by Crane & Corwic, a Detroit planning consultant firm, was for a 77 acre parcel at 11 Mile and Inkster Rd. running north to the expressway. Named Carmelot Court, the proposed subdivision utilized a "cluster" development with the three different types of structures. One interesting feature of the proposal is the fact that the single family residences would be placed close to the expressway. The proposed apartment buildings would be constructed at the corner of 11 Mile and Inkster. While the Planning Commission expressed interest in the development and were pleased at the "freshness of the approach" it did feel that the proposal might be "premature." What will happen along Northwestern Highway in Southfield must have some bearing on this time. Added to this was the feeling of the Commission that perhaps the apartments would not be acceptable on that corner. They set the proposal aside for a month and advised the representatives of the Altee Development Company of Detroit, developers of the property, to re-examine it and come back with possible revisions excluding the apartment buildings. In other action the Commission: Approved a recommendation for the Township Board to remove the back lot 32 of Regal Orchards Subdivision at 22014 Haynes St. from R-4 to B-3 General Business; Adjourned a public hearing on an apartment proposal (Continued on Page 20-B)

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