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Board Names Skillman Trustee



THE OLD NEWSBOYS will on the corners in Farmington this Friday to sell the annual Goodfellow Newspaper. From left, Dr. Ed Blumberg, Dr. John Richardson and Ed Balden compare notes on the best means of holding a paper for the best sales. This year's Goodfellow edition will be a special combined edition of The Farmington Enterprise and The Observer.

Goodfellows Will Be Out on Corners Friday

Holiday recipes, decorating tips, and tales of Christmas lore and traditions are featured in the 1965 Farmington Goodfellows edition.

The Old Newsboys will take to the streets and byways of the community Friday, Dec. 10 to sell the special 1965 Goodfellow edition. The sales of this paper will help the Farmington group fulfill its pledge of "No Child Without a Christmas."

This year's paper contains a variety of holiday ideas and suggestions. Every member of the family will find something geared for him within its eight pages.

In another part of the Goodfellows Drive, Toys for Tots Chairman Bill Everhart announced that on Dec. 13 volunteers will canvass city neighborhoods seeking usable toys.

"We have received many requests," Everhart explained, "and because of the YMCA's limited facilities this year we can accept only usable toys. In the past many of the toys donated have been in need of repair, but this year we need serviceable toys. I am confident, however, that the community will once again help us meet this challenge."

City Adopts State Standards

Minimum standards for police training and state aid as laid down by the state were adopted by the City Council of Farmington Monday evening, with the proviso that an ordinance be prepared to include any of the present City policies which are considered even more stringent than the state code.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare the ordinance in time for the next meeting. Under the state code, the state will pay as high as 50 percent of the cost of training.

Mail Call for Vietnam

Farmington's Post 4033 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is seeking the names of servicemen in Vietnam. The Post will write to each of these men and send along a small package to let them know that the people at home are thinking of them. If you know of men currently stationed in Vietnam please send the names and addresses to Wallace Connor, Chairman of the Post, at 22845 Violet, Farmington.

Planners Postpone Hearing

The Farmington Township Planning Commission, headed by the pleas of residents of the northeastern corner of the Township last week and refused to act immediately on the zoning for the corner of 13 Mile Rd. and North-western.

Prior to the Board's decision to adjourn the matter for a month-two Township attorneys have often tangled.

Case Postponed

The plea to set aside the court ruling on zoning at 13 Mile and Northwestern will be heard in Judge Arthur Moore's Court in about two weeks. This suit, originally scheduled to come up Monday, was postponed because the Judge was out-of-town.

neys who have often tangled. Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan and the chairman of the "Preservationists" Wendell Brown, engaged in a shouting match which stopped only when Planning Commission Chairman Chuck Horton told them both to "simmer down."

At issue was whether or not to hold a public hearing and make a decision on whether to permit construction of a real estate office. The Oakland County Circuit Court has ruled that the present zoning of residential for the property is "unreasonable."

Residents of the area said that they intended to fight the decision and asked for time to press their case before the Commission took any stand. The Commission felt that the residents had a point and added that it could only "recommend" zoning to the Township Board so that if the need arose for quick action the Township Board could change the zoning.

This requested rezoning came before the Planning Commission twice. The first time the Commission denied the request and sent it to the Township Board.

In the Oakland County Circuit Court the Township Board expressed its disagreement with the decision to retain the residential zoning.

The Trustees sent the (Continued on Page 11B)



SCHOOL SAFETY AWARDS were presented in the City of Farmington last week. Present at the ceremony were, from left: (front row) Ricky Paulene, Cloverdale School; David Washburn, Flanders; Steve Bliss and Bill Krohn, 10 Mile School; and Tim Schmidt and Sister Doris Samella, Our Lady of Sorrows. Standing in the back row are, from left: Mrs. Lauri Morris, principal of Cloverdale; Frank Delesky, Flanders; Sgt. Glenn Harding, Farmington City Police; Mrs. Jean Ralph, former principal of the 10 Mile School which received a special five-year safety certificate from the City; and Richard Close, 10 Mile principal.

Area Schools Rack Up Safety Records

Farmington students have proved that they are safety conscious.

With the annual awards for safety being presented to the area elementary schools, 19 of Farmington's public and private schools have earned a perfect safety record for the year.

In order to qualify no student from the school may be involved in what is termed a "chargeable accident" during the preceding 12 month period. This means that no child can be involved in an accident which he has caused through carelessness or neglect.

Safety is emphasized in all the schools. This includes Farmington City Police last week were: 10 Mile, Cloverdale, Flanders and Our Lady of Sorrows, Elementary. The 10 Mile School received a special certificate from the City for five years of earning the safety pennant. This is the first school in the (Continued on Page 11B)

Township Tax Bills Go Out

Farmington Township Treasurer Elsie P. Avery said Monday that the Township tax bills will be in the mail by Dec. 10. Mrs. Avery added that the bills are payable at the Township Hall through Feb. 14, 1967. After that date, she explained, a four percent penalty will be added to the bills.

In the City of Farmington Treasurer Kathryn Coffey reports that the City Council on Monday evening approved a contribution of not more than \$300 to the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee. The exact amount of the contribution, according to the motion adopted, will depend upon the action of the Township officials.

Planning Member Gets Nod

After months of study and discussion the Farmington Township Board has named a member to fill the vacancy created last spring when Thomas Duke resigned.

Named to the Board Monday night by a unanimous vote was the immediate past chairman of the Township Planning Commission James M. Skillman of 28235 Forestbrook Court.

The 40-year-old attorney sits on the Township's Board



JAMES M. SKILLMAN

of Tax Review in addition to the Planning Commission. He has just completed a term as chairman of the Planning Commission and as such was the chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Skillman holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Kalamazoo College. He is a veteran of World War II.

He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and the Detroit Bar Association and serves as a Board Member for the Salvation Army's Booth Hospital and as a Board Member for the Howard Street Mission in Detroit.

The new Township Trustee and his wife, Eleanor, have two children, Ann and Rob.

In making the nomination Trustee Earl Oppenbauer named Skillman as the "most qualified" of all the candidates and as a man of "independence and high integrity."

Oppenbauer added that (Continued on Page 11B)

City Denies Plates

Because several complaints of poor service have been reported the City Council has held up the issuance of a 1967 bonding plates for the Suburban Checker Cab company.

At the same time it approved the bonding plates for the Farmington Cab Co.

Sheltered Workshop To Open in Farmington

Farmington has been selected by New Horizons of Oakland County for the location of its second sheltered training center for mentally retarded young adults.



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J. Lyle Winslow, president of the non-profit organization, said the new sheltered workshop will be located at 33100 Grand River, a mile west of Farmington Rd. and will serve southwestern Oakland County.

Winslow said the center is expected to be in operation around Jan. 1, with 20 to 25 trainees. New Horizons' first workshop training center was opened in Royal Oak in January, 1963, and now has its maximum work force of 41 trainees, with a waiting list of 25.

New Horizons has two major objectives: to provide vocational training to mentally retarded young people who are capable of acquiring sufficient skills to meet minimal requirements of industry.

Glen Smith, executive director of New Horizons, said the new Farmington center will have a third more space than the exist-

ing center in Royal Oak with a capacity to employ some 40 trainees. Norman Lewison, owner of the property has renovated the building, installed insulation, a modern heating system, new lights and plumbing, and he is going to close in the loading dock.

Smith invited civic minded individuals, groups and indus-



TRY TO PARTICIPATE in equipping the new workshop. Among the more urgent needs are work benches and tables, storage bins, racks, grinders, balance scales, plastic bagging machine, air compressors, a drill press, a fork lift, part trays, hand carts, a stake or panel truck and general office equipment, including typewriters, file cabinets, book cases, furniture, and hand tools of all kinds.

Smith said that he is presently soliciting contracts for the new workshop, and welcomes inquiries from industry and business. "We are in a

City Pays Bill Promptly, Saves

On order to save interest charges the City of Farmington plans to pay \$11,000 out of its general fund to pay the cost of improving Nine Mile Road from Farmington Rd. to the I-96 ramp.

It had been suggested that the improvements be paid with General Obligation bonds, but the cost would have been about \$3,000 in interest over the period.

position to do simple and routine work for companies which generally find such jobs cost more than they are really worth. New Horizons specializes in simple assembly, packaging, correlating and other such work.

A former teacher-vocational coordinator of the mentally handicapped at North Farmington High School, Smith said several Farmington area organizations have showed interest in supporting the new workshop. He cited the Farmington Jaycees and Auxiliary, Farmington Association of Handicapped Children, Farmington Y.M.C.A., Handicapped Parents Group and the Excalibur Club of Detroit.

"The cost of providing work training and sheltered employment for these mentally handicapped people is about one third the cost of institutional care," he pointed out. "To this can be added the

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