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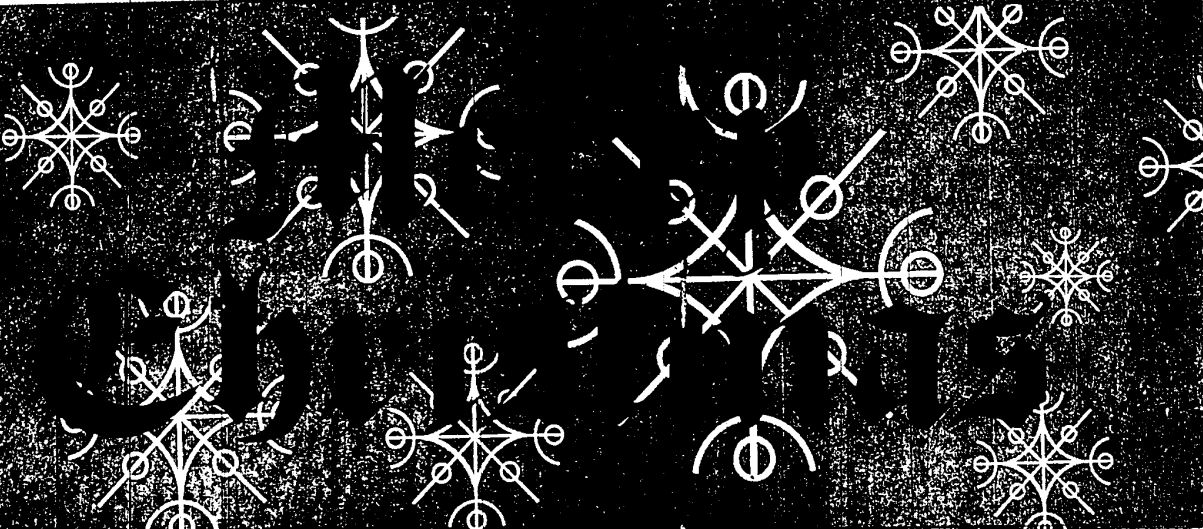
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## Schools Appoint Grounds Director

As Director of Building and Grounds, Col. Harry Stultz of Bedford, Mass., will join the Farmington School District early in January. This announcement was made, and Col. Stultz approved in his appointment, at the Monday meeting of the Board of Education.

During the past 15 years, the Col. has been serving with the Air Force as Staff Civil Engineer and Base Civil Engineer. Prior to that, five years were spent during the World War II period in positions of Battery Commander, Battalion Executive, Pilot and Administrative Quality Control Inspector.

Col. Stultz received his degree in architectural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and did further study in engineering at Dayton University in Ohio, Oklahoma University and Arizona State.

Following a comprehensive report on the Farmington perceptual development program which was presented by Hugh Watson and Fred Parker, the Board moved to expand the special education program in accordance with the departmental recommendations of the County Board of Education provides funds for such expansion in its next budget. Approval was also granted for an additional perceptual development program early in 1967.

John Washburn and Barbara Brown expressed the appreciation of the Board.

## Bd. of Commerce Slates Election Of New Board

Members of the Farmington Board of Commerce will elect members of its Board of Directors at its quarterly dinner meeting Jan. 17 at the Masonic Temple.

In addition to the election and reports of the standing committees, members will enjoy a program of the North Farmington Stage Band under the direction of Larry Haver.

Chairman for the 1967 Farmington Founders Festival will be named at that meeting.

## Around Farmington

Farmington's Goodfellows will distribute 200 baskets to needy families in the community this Thursday and Friday. This final action of the 1966 Goodwill Drive will help to ensure that every child in the area has a Christmas.

for the wonderful work being done in the district to help both the orthopedically and mentally handicapped children. They commended the concern and dedication of the staff members who work in this area.

Herbert Neal reported that he and Leonard Clifford had visited the pool under construction at Wayne State University and heartily recommended the use of the water return system in use there, particularly since the architects point out that such construction can save between five and ten thousand dollars per pool.

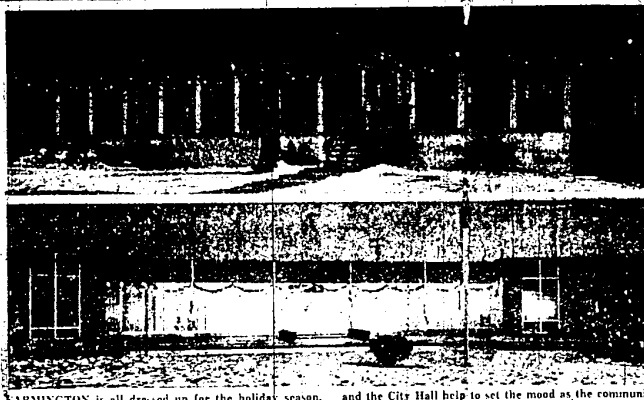
A letter was read requesting recognition by the Farmington Association of School Administrators as a special bargaining unit. It was decided to ask the State Board of Education for advice on such recognition and to obtain such other information as might be available and applicable.

## Farmington Indian Guides Elect Chiefs

The Indian Guide group at the Farmington YMCA has elected officers for 1967. They are: John Stultz, chief; Dick Lester, vice; Jerry Wilhelm, treasurer; Jerry Wilhelm, Menominee, pathfinder; and Jim Brush, Creek Tribe, sachem.

## Cabs Get Plates

The Suburban Checker Cab Company will receive plates from the City of Farmington, allowing it to operate within the city limits. The Council had originally denied the company plates for the coming year, but voted to award them after City Manager John Dinnan told the members that the company had taken steps to improve the service.



FARMINGTON is all dressed up for the holiday season. The decorations and lights at the Township Hall (above) and the City Hall help to set the mood as the community prepares to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

## Township Discusses Trash Collection Special Levy

The possibility of establishing a special assessment district in Farmington Township to handle costs of weekly trash collections were discussed by Trustees at the Township Board meeting Monday night.

Trash pickup problems throughout the Township were brought to a head last week when Tringali Co. walked out on collection jobs. Pros and cons of special assessment district was made known against the levy of one or two mill tax to cover weekly pickup will be studied by a committee headed by Don Travis, who has volunteered for the job.

Supervisor Curtis Hall commented that Township residents paying \$34 to \$36 per year for private trash pickup could be serviced by the Township for perhaps \$15.

The suggestion of a special assessment district was made by Township Attorney Joseph Brennan, who said that under a new state act, petitions are required for such action.

Hall noted that 200 to 250 calls a day are coming into the Township from residents with trash problems. He also said that a Township contract with a pickup company could amount to \$150,000 to \$210,000 in income to that company.

According to benefit on a pro rata basis. Trustees made it evident that they are aware of residential objection to tax levies, but Trustee Earl Oppenheimer said, "People who are paying \$24 to \$36 per year for pickups should be happy to vote for mileage."

## Reports for Duty In California

PFC Gary L. Grant has been assigned to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the First Infantry near the Cambodia border. Grant received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and his A.L.T. at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

in their decision Monday night.

Attorney Wendell Brown.

## City OK's Open Space Proposal

The City of Farmington will participate in a four part open space program with the cooperation of the federal government and the State's Department of Conservation.

City Manager John Dinnan explained the proposal to the Council Monday night and received authorization to make application for the long range project.

Total cost of the program was placed at \$139,600 by Dinnan. Of this half would be paid by the federal government, a quarter by the state and a quarter by the city. An additional plan call for the purchase of a six acre parcel northwest of Twin Valley Subdivision; a two acre parcel north of Grand River off Belknap Rd. and 25 acres of the river valley south of Grand River and Nine Mile Rd.

representing residents near the site said, "The people would be more satisfied if the developers won by litigation instead of by their elected officials. I think the developers should report to litigation."

Trustee Thomas Nolan who proposed the motion to rezone said, "I want to kick my neck out. I do not see any future development there as residential."

After Brown's statement, Nolan said, "I believe I am acting in good faith for the people who elected me."

Hall added, "Maybe the property owner didn't vote for anybody, but he's got some right, too."

Trustee opinion is that if abutting property owners file a lawsuit, the property would have to be rezoned anyway.

Brennan cited the Township's reputation in Oakland County Circuit Court "of doing right by the community."

In other action, Trustees are taking their time about

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Writes Auerdore

Chet Downing, of Farmington, is the recipient of a \$100 check from the Reader's Digest for an anecdote submitted to the magazine's department "Campus Comedy." His contribution appears in the January issue.

## Council Splits Over Re-Zoning

By a 3-2 vote Monday night the Farmington City Council approved the rezoning of four lots backing onto Grand River from residential to residential parking.

Most outspoken in his opposition to the rezoning was Councilman Howard Thayer who termed it "irresponsible spot zoning" and added that the Council "had not thought it out carefully" in approving the change.

Joining Thayer in voting against the resolution was Mayor Sandy Brotherton.

In a prepared statement Thayer asked "what price homeowners must be expected to pay for so called progress."

"Why must the tax paying homeowner be continually rebuked in favor of commercial and parking expansion?"

Thayer continued his remarks by posing another question. He asked "Now why, just because one individual bought a piece of commercial property, and didn't have the good sense to find out beforehand what he could do with it, must these people's property values and mode of living now be out in jeopardy?"

Thayer said, "I don't think anyone of you councilmen sitting here tonight would have a holy fit if such an irresponsible, spot-zoning proposal as this was shovled at you."

## Negotiations On Contract Begin Early

Farmington's teachers began negotiating sessions Dec. 15 and the Farmington Education Association spokesmen termed the first meeting as "fruitful in some respects."

Members of the team working in the contract for next year are: Clare Shewbridge, chairman, from O. E. Dunckel Junior High; Sharon Mahar, Cloverdale; Marvel Eberly, 10 Mile; and Bob Sallow, elementary physical education.

Members of the administration representing the Board of Education are: G. V. Harrison, superintendent of schools; L. Bartman, M. Van Ameyde and J. Lead.

Brotherton told the Council that he had to vote against the proposal because he didn't think it was the answer to the problem. There is no question about needing more parking space in the downtown area," he said, "but I don't think this is the answer."

Councilmen Allen, Yoder and Peterson asserted that the rezoning was necessary to help develop the downtown business area and that they didn't think it would hurt the property values.

Allen asserted that "I wish I didn't feel this rezoning was absolutely necessary, but we can't keep ducking problems to avoid hurting people's feelings when the good of the City is at stake."

In other action the Council:

Approved a half day on Dec. 23 and 30 for the City employees and stipulated that the half day holiday before Christmas and New Year become a regular part of the City's fringe benefits.

Scheduled a public hearing for 8 p.m. Jan. 16 on the zoning plan for the Woodcroft area which has just been annexed to the City.

Set another public hearing for the same time at the same meeting on the proposed rezoning of a lot from residential parking to commercial.

Authorized the City Manager to obtain cost and engineering estimates on providing water and sewer facilities to the residents of Wesley Drive from Wesley Place to Arundel.

Scheduled two public hearings for 8 p.m. Jan. 3 one on the sidewalk assessment in the City and the other on the vacation of Oakland Ave. from Louisa to the west line of the Woodcroft Subdivision.

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