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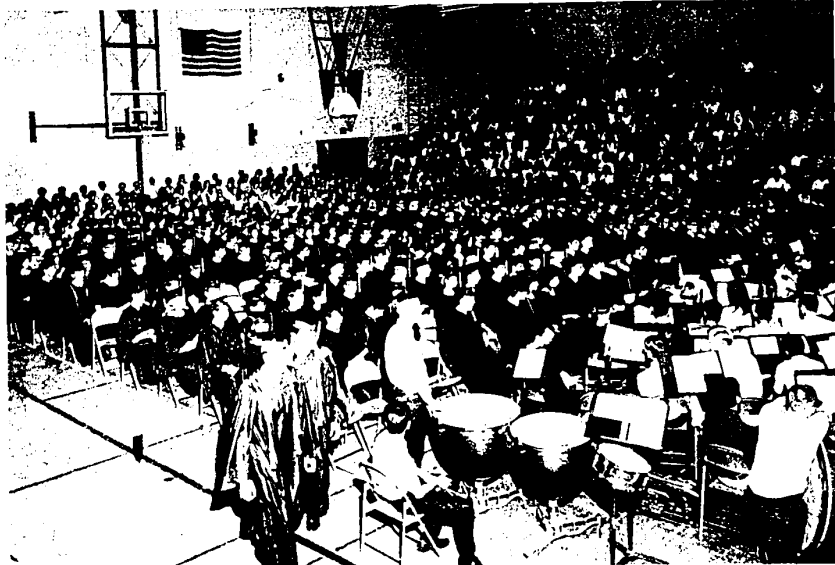
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GRADUATION time is here for Farmington's high school students. Baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies were held in the area's two public and two private schools.

The grads at North Farmington filled the school's gym for the baccalaureate service June 9. Additional pictures from the commencement exercises are on page 4-A.

School Ends; No Contract With Teachers

The Farmington Schools officially closed doors for the summer last week without a master contract agreed upon by the teachers and the Board of Education.

Last Monday 300 of the Farmington Education Association's (FEA) 500 members met in an emergency session and approved a resolution which stated that the teachers would not work in the fall without a contract.

The teachers also approved a \$10 per head assessment to finance the negotiation costs for the FEA team after the close of school.

The Board of Education President Richard Peters told The Enterprise & Observer that "progress" was being made in the negotiations and that the Board was "optimistic" that an agreement would soon be reached.

NEGOTIATIONS between the district's 700 teachers and the school board have been underway since February. The FEA stated at the beginning of the negotiating sessions that its goal was to have a contract ready for the teachers to vote upon before the close of school.

The teachers also wanted to see the contract before the rush of school closing. To date only a few articles have been agreed upon.

Last year's contract, approved by a scant 50 votes, was put up to the teachers just before the end of the year and many of the teachers felt that they were "stamped" into approval.

Major goals for the teachers this year include:

- A salary schedule of "10 or fewer" steps over the same number of years. The current schedule is 13 steps over 15 years.
- Improved salaries at the upper end of the scale. The teachers contend that the experienced teacher cannot afford

to stay in Farmington and point to a rapid turnover of teachers after gaining two or three years of experience.

The administration denies charges and asserts that the turnover is "normal" to that in other districts.

A modification of the policy of docking teachers who must leave school early for medical or emergency reasons.

Compulsory arbitration of grievances.

Hospital-medical insurance fully paid by the school district which now pays half.

Life insurance.

A change in the weather policy so that the teachers would not be required to report when the schools are closed in severe weather.

Approve County Vocation Program

By slightly more than 3,000 votes a half-mill increase (50 cents for each \$1,000 assessed valuation) in the Oakland County School taxes to provide area vocational education centers was approved.

The Southfield Schools might attend Farmington's programs.

Oakland County Vocational Director Dr. David Soule's office said that Farmington has "a good chance as any district" to have an area center located in the district as all the districts were being studied.

Drivers Approve Contract

Farmington's bus drivers have ratified a master contract with the Farmington schools calling for a 10 cent per hour increase.

Final tally from throughout the county was 16,674 to 16,219. Farmington School District voters approved the millage proposal by a vote of 1,109 to 770.

A spokesman for the County's Intermediate School District said that the next step would be the formation of a superintendent's committee on site selection.

Sornas Plead Guilty

A Livonia couple and their son have pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of attempted conspiracy to commit murder.

Their guilty plea called a trial June 15 before Oakland Circuit Judge Farrell Roberts on the more serious charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

Scheduled for sentencing on July 5 are: Mr. and Mrs. John Sornas and their son, Jules, 25. The Sornas live at 20224 Purlingbrook.

The Sornas were charged with offering \$700 to a Detroit factory worker, Bert Davis, to kill Mrs. Victoria Gogates of Detroit.

Mrs. Gogates was the key prosecution witness in the robbery conviction of the younger Sornas. Sornas was convicted of a \$35 holdup of Paul and Vic's Market, 28734 Grand River, Farmington Township.

She was the only witness who could identify Sornas. The younger Sornas was charged with approaching Davis to kill Mrs. Gogates prior to his pre-trial examination on the robbery charge.

GOP Appeals County Remap Plan

The promised appeal challenging the 27-district Oakland County reappointment plan has been filed by the lone Republican on the five-member reappointment group.

Joseph R. Farnham, chairman of the Oakland County Republican party, filed the appeal in the First District Court in Detroit. Litigation on the appeal will take place in Lansing.

The plan was approved by a 4-1 vote and Farnham promised the challenge at this time.

IN HIS objections to the plan to trim the present board of supervisors from 87 to 27 by providing one representative from each district, Farnham

said that it "does violence to the standards and guidelines set out in Act 261."

Under the proposal Farmington would be split into two different districts. The supervisors would be elected at large. Presently both the city and the township have representation on the Board.

Supervisor Curt Hall sits on the Board by virtue of his office as Township Supervisor, while County Board Chairman Delos Hamlin is appointed by the City Council.

The proposed district plan would split Farmington Township into two parts. One area includes all the sections north

and east of a line that starts at 14 Mile and Drake Rd., goes south to 13 Mile, east to Farmington Rd., south to 12 Mile, east to Orchard Lake Rd., south to 11 Mile and east to the township limits at Inkster Rd.

Residents of this district would elect the representative along with the residents of West Bloomfield to the north.

The other district would include the remainder of the township and the city.

Specific complaints outlined in Farnham's appeal include:

- Cities and townships are divided and combined with others when it is not necessary to do so to meet population standards.
- Some individual cities and

townships could find no representation on the board since there is no complete district within their boundaries, although in some instances this is unavoidable.

Farnham charges that the plan permits the splitting in many areas where it could have been avoided.

- Precincts have been divided where not necessary to meet the population standards.
- The plan generally is drawn to effect partisan political advantage.

The appeal asks for a review of the plan and a determination of its meeting requirements under state law.

John D. Murphy, county clerk-registrar of deeds and chairman of the reappointment committee, said that he welcomed a review of the plan.

Other members of the committee were: George Gogasian, chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party; James E. Sevelin, Oakland County Treasurer; and Jerome Bronson, Oakland County Prosecutor.

Kenbrook Stages 'Pinafore'

Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore was presented by a group of fifth grade children at Kenbrook School June 9, to parents and guests of the school community.

Miss Kay Rubin, teacher, assisted the children in casting, staging and producing the operetta. Mrs. Amy Adelman, music consultant, accompanied the group and directed the play.

The captain was played by

Bruce Rumble. The captain's daughter, Josephine, was sung by Joy Fishman. Sir Joseph, the admiral of the Queen's Navy, was sung by Mark Garcia. Gail Gilbert and Barbara Botter shared the role of Buttercup. Dick Deadey was played by Robert Rogala.

All stage arrangements, scenery and props were developed by the children.



CLAYTON R. GRAHAM

Graham Is NFH Principal

Clayton R. Graham, assistant principal at Farmington High School, has been named the new principal of North Farmington.

The appointment is effective Aug. 1.

Graham replaces Harold Humble, who has resigned to teach at the Kodakian School in southern Indiana.

Graham, 38, has been assistant principal at Farmington High since Sept., 1961. From January 1955 until 1961 he was a teacher of business education in the Farmington Schools.

During the 1954-1955 school year he taught English at Cleary College in Ypsilanti.

Graham holds a business degree from the University of Miami in Florida; a B.A. in history and economics, an M.A. in administration, and a specialist in arts degree from Eastern Michigan University.

A member of the Oakland County Secondary School Principals Association and the Washburn County School Reorganization Study Committee, he resides in Novi. He and his wife have three children.

City Planners OK New Federal Store

Approval of site drawings for a 69,280-square foot Federal Department store at Grove and Grand River was given Monday night by the City Planning Commission.

It was contingent upon a traffic study by the Public Safety Department, but will not delay Federal owners, Taubman Co., in construction plans.

The request for a traffic study was made by Commissioner James Platt and as first proposed might have put the project off for a year.

In his first proposal, Platt's motion was for the study to be returned to the commission for review before the matter went to the city council.

AS THE PLANNING Commission meets monthly, this would have meant a delay of perhaps six to eight weeks.

Federal wants to have the store open for business by Easter 1968. Speaking for Taubman's, Gerald Dillon described it as "the finest store Federal has constructed as yet."

It will be built in three sections—storage, soft goods sales, and hard goods sales.

As planned, there will be 280 spaces for parking. This could have caused a holdup in the development, but City Manager John Dinn said the allotted space was ample.

Federal will put a solid masonry wall along the residential line as called for by city zoning. Commissioner Donald Miller

summed it up: "Farmington needs something like this desperately if we're going to draw people from other communities."

"IF WE DON'T move now we're in grave danger of losing

this like we lost the Livonia Mall. Let's start progressing."

Voting for approval was Miller's last official act as a planning commissioner. For business and personal reasons, he submitted his resignation Monday night.

In other action, the commission set the next meeting date for a public hearing on rezoning of property north of Detroit Edison on Orchard Lake Road from R-1 (one family) to C-2 (general commercial).

The petitioner is Joseph H. Vinebrier, who operates Glendale Auto Supply.

He was advised to ask for a 30-day extension on his 90-day option on the property.

approaching Davis to kill Mrs. Gogates prior to his pre-trial examination on the robbery charge.

Anyone trying to get telephone line service at 11 p.m. Tuesday night knows it was just about impossible.

But by Wednesday morning, everybody in Farmington seems to have been on time.

This, despite the late Tiger ballgame on television tonight before.

The schools reported no unusual tardiness. The high schools were having final exams, so students made sure there were there by the first bell.

North Farmington's assistant principal, Warren McKenzie, saw to it that the school's clocks were changed. In case of a mixup in the school's clocks, students were told to time themselves by the clocks in their homes.

FARMINGTON HIGH put so much trust in its students that the letter about the time change was broadcast just once over the P.A. system.

Plenty of people objected to moving clocks around, but Cleo Spencer, manager at Farmington AAA, says it's going to make travel a lot easier. Airlines, for instance, have always been on Daylight Savings Time.

Spencer thinks the extra hour of daylight on Sunday nights will cut down weekend accident tolls.

His office was unusually quiet Wednesday morning, but the local supermarkets were unusually busy. Nobody knows why.

The Ford Motor Co., Livonia plant, is staying on Eastern Standard Time, much to employees' confusion.

ONE of them told The Enterprise-Observer that workers simply left their clocks

at home on the old time. They are all now calling this "Ford Time."

Star Cutter Co., here in town, is small by Ford standards, so it had no special problems according to office manager, Mrs. Nadine Cardwell.

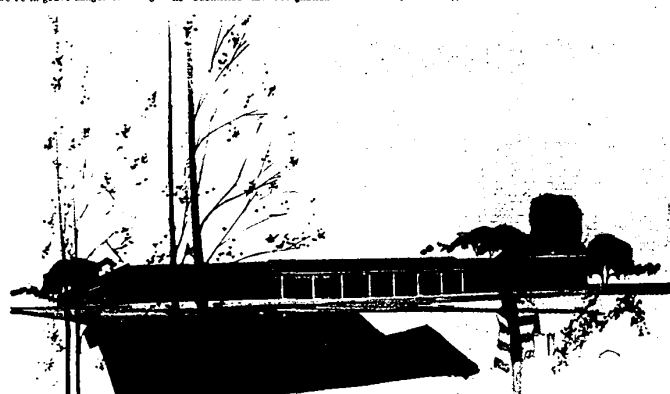
The company doesn't have a third shift so work hours weren't affected when the time clocks were changed at midnight Tuesday.

But in all this, there was one sadly mistaken business. The Clock restaurant on the edge of town, which features a time piece on its roof, forgot to turn it ahead for Wednesday morning.

Commuters going by, who had struggled to get up early, wondered if perhaps they could be wrong.

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