

Pick Consultants For New Library

Ralph A. Ulveling and Charles M. Mohrhardt, director and associate director of the Detroit Public Library, have been named Library Building Consultants for the new Farmington District Library.

The Library, which was approved by Township voters in May, will be constructed on 12 Mile just east of Farmington Rd. in Farmington Township.

Announcement of the signing of the contract

was made following last week's meeting of the trustees of the library.

Ulveling and Mohrhardt have served as library building consultants in almost every state in the nation as well as Germany and South America.

In Michigan, their larger contracts for public libraries have included such communities as Flint, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Mt. Clemens and Dearborn.

The pair are currently planning the new seven

million dollar library in Lansing for the state.

With the completion of the arrangement, the consultants will study the library needs of Farmington over the next three or four months. These needs will be translated into classifications and area space allocations. Following the study and analysis an architect will be selected.

The time allotment for detailed planning and

architectural work is favorable since the deadline for application for federal funds is Aug. 1968.

The new library will cost \$414,000 to construct.

When finished, the 20,000 square foot structure is expected to house a collection of 100,000 books.

Included in the facility will be an adult collection, a periodical and adult reading room, a reference room, an audio visual room, children's room, small study rooms and a meeting and exhibit room.



TARGET FOR urban renewal in Farmington Township may be homes like this one at 21119 Jefferson. A study is now underway to see how much it would cost to up-

Urban Renewal Study On In Twp. Sections 35, 36

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What urban renewal would cost Farmington Township is the subject of a study now being conducted by Vilcan and Leman and Associates, professional planning consultants.

Prime targets would be portions of sections 35 and 36, north of Grand River Ave.

"We all recognize the need," Charles Leman, a consultant said, "but what would it cost? That's the reason for the study."

A survey of Township housing conditions has al-

ready been completed. And two weeks ago the Township Board appropriated \$300 for Vilcan and Leman to determine the urban renewal potential of the two sections of the community.

"We've already done an analysis of housing conditions in the Township. This is a step further," Leman explained. "Our job now is to decide what it would mean in terms of cost to get in and pick an area and say what would be required to bring it up to standard housing conditions."

Leman's job is to estimate what may qualify for Fed-

erally aided project. Possible avenues to take would include razing homes, closing streets, paving streets, installing street lights, finding and developing park and school sites.

In addition to Federal aid, private funds can be used to upgrade the areas.

Estimates call for from 60 to 80 homes to be razed, if the entire program goes through.

The housing conditions analysis, dated April of 1967, labels three areas as obviously substandard. An urban renewal classification map ranks them with a number

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Protest Registered, Not Much Expected

The voice of protest over morning and evening commuter traffic jams at the Orchard Lake exit off of I-96 will be raised—but it will be a feeble one.

"As a township there's not much we can do," Township Supervisor Curt Hall conceded, as the Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night.

The Board agreed to file

Council Keeps Quiet On Food

Farmington's City Council steered clear of taking sides between the Jaycees and the Elks on food concessions at the Founders Festival.

Last week the Farmington Board of Commerce granted permission to the Jaycees to sell chicken at the Downtown Center for this year's only.

Prior to that time the Council had ducked any action on the matter and left it up to the Board of Commerce to make the choice.

The conflict was caused when the Elks objected to the Jaycees move to the Downtown Center, fearing that the booth would take business away from the Elks' Own House.

When the Council delayed, it stipulated that it was waiting for "further information."

Wednesday night City Manager John Dinan reported back to the Council on the decision of the Board of Commerce.

Dinan also helped get his

a resolution asking for more exits with representatives in Lansing and Washington, D.C., Farmington's only interchange for I-96.

Trustee Thomas Nolan brought the matter up:

"We've got only one exit in the Township and that's sure a mistake on someone's part. Now it appears we'll always be stuck with one exit."

Nolan pointed out that Farmington Township's population is growing and that the problem "will do nothing but multiply itself."

Hall said state highway officials say that signs must be put up for the I-96 interchange, and that would have no time for the motorists to exit at Halsted or Middle Belt.

"By the time the driver passes the Orchard Lake exit the next sign would be for I-75," Hall said. "They say they can't indicate another exit."

I-75 is a freeway that will cut north and south along the western edge of the Township.

Specifically, the traffic tie-ups are at 12 Mile Rd. on Orchard Lake Rd. just north of the freeway. Motorists moving west leave the exit and come onto Orchard Lake Rd. then try to turn left a few feet later onto 12 Mile Rd.

Trustees noted a three-way light may be installed to solve the problem and that the exit ramps might be redesigned.

Hall suggested the Board members "needed an al-

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SUZIE DUBUC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dubuc, 34681 Brittany Drive, had a wonderful 17th birthday on July 6. Doctors told her she could leave the next day on a three-week YMCA tour of Europe. Suzie had nearly torn that bandaged finger off in a freak accident closing the door of a car. Doctors wouldn't give her the go ahead for her trip until the day before she was due to leave. They say now that she may regain full use of the finger.

School Board Hassles on Bids

While doing general house-keeping chores at its meeting Monday night, Farmington School Board members heard a progress report on Little fly-specking, especially on approving purchases of two passenger vans and a delivery truck.

Board Secretary George W. Oltis strongly favored giving the business to local dealers, especially in the case of the delivery van. Here there was a \$38 difference between the local dealer's bid and that of Dexter Chevrolet.

Oltis felt a driver's time taking the van to and from the Detroit dealer for service would more than make up the small cost difference. Also he felt it expedient for the district to deal locally.

Trustee Leila Clifford said, "If we don't accept outside bids we won't get the competition to control local dealers' bids."

Trustee John M. Washburn III said, "All these outside dealers probably have some connection with Farmington. I think we're obliged to go with the lowest bid when we're dispensing the taxpayers' money."

The bid for the passenger vans went to Detroit's Oltis Chevrolet, with Oltis and Dr. Sanford Bloomberg voting "no."

A second vote was needed to approve purchase of the delivery van because there was no majority on the first vote. Town and Country Dodge finally won the purchase with the \$38 difference.

They Like Food!

Hungry thieves emptied a treasure in the garage attached to Charles Wischmeyer's home, 21131 Meadowlark, Farmington, sometime Friday night.

The Wischmeyers heard a noise early in the morning but thought it was their dog. City police say this is the second such incident in that area in the last week and a half.

Clifford voiced a thought that the board might be open to legal action if it did not accept the lowest bid.

Assistant Superintendent James Read pointed out that the Board has the option to accept or reject any or all bids.

In other business, the board heard a progress report on Power Junior High, Forest Elementary school and the additions to Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

Progress at Power is reported good and a completion date of Nov. 1 may be met by the contractor.

Recent vandalism at the school caused Bloomberg to inquire about possibilities of policing building sites and whether insurance rates might go down if this were done.

Read said private police surveillance, having them do observe the schools as much as they can.

The outlook for Forest Elementary is not as good as Power Junior High. Administration opinion is that only half the school will be ready in September.

In other business, the board heard from Superintendent Rudrick J. Smith that school bond approved for sale will be ready for signature July 20. Smith also reported that board representatives of the board met with the Municipal Finance Commission in Lansing, July 18.

Awarded the school mile contract to Farm Field Dairy and the ice cream contract to Wesley Quaker Maid, Inc.

Approved the flooride program from the 1967-68 school year.

Approved further action to get sidewalks along 14 Mile Rd. at Eagle School.

Nolan Is New Planner

Thomas R. Nolan has been appointed as the Farmington Township Board of Trustees' representative on the planning commission, replacing Earl C. Oppertbauer.

Oppertbauer resigned, citing the press of work at his law office. He has missed several planning commission meetings over the past few months.

Nolan, district sales manager for Transportation Set-ice Inc., has been active in the Republican Party for 17 years. Married, with five children, he lives at 22180 Ontario Ct., Farmington Township.

His appointment was confirmed Monday night at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In another appointment, the Board named Peter Klapp to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Klapp replaced seven-year veteran Arthur Baskette on the Board last month. He is an executive in an engineering firm.

In other action the Board "Received petitions from Springbrook subdivisions with about 150 signatures seeking sanitary sewer Springbrook is north of Ten Mile Rd. between Orchard Lake Rd. and Middle Belt Rd."

Set July 24, 8 p.m. for the annual budget hearing.

Passed an ordinance for bonding and licensing of septic tank cleaners. The new law will give better protection to homeowners, according to Township Supervisor Curt Hall.

New Hours Announced For Bureau

The City of Farmington driver's license bureau will have new hours starting next Monday.

Effective July 17 the hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, from noon until 8 p.m.

Last week the City decided to close the license bureau effective Oct. 1 because they are losing money on its operation.

However, it is expected the Secretary of State will locate an office here for driver's licenses.

Visits at Home

Brian E. Lange, 23015 Maple, Farmington, is home on leave from the Navy Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Fla., where he received a certificate recently, as an aviation electrician. Lange reports next to his former base in Traverse City. He is a 1963 graduate of Farmington High School.

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Board Officially Signs 3 Contracts

William Kloote, representing the Farmington Education Association, was an interested spectator when three groups of school employees signed their working contracts Monday night.

Signing for the secretaries were Myrtle Zimmerman, president, and Jean Lutzen, secretary.

Signing for the maintenance workers were Neil Travis, their president; Gerry Wood, secretary; and Clyde Alsop, Council 23 American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees.

The bus drivers' contract was signed by Clara Simpson, president, and Mary Berendt, secretary.

Kloote remained for the entire board meeting at which contracts were signed and paid particular attention to board discussion of the resignation of Conrad Chojnacki, a beginning

teacher who was to have taught in Farmington in the fall.

Chojnacki had signed a contract and wrote the administration that he wanted to accept another position at higher pay.

At the first motion to accept the request, Trustee Leila Clifford moved that it be denied.

This motion was not seconded. Sanford Bloomberg's motion to accept the request was seconded.

Clifford's opinion was that "People do, for ethical reasons, abide by contracts."

Contracts, legally, are binding on the employer, not the employee.

About this, Clifford asked, "Why do we have contracts?" Assistant Superintendent M. Van Ameyde pointed out, "In labor relations, a \$120 increase in salary is regarded as promotion."

"We have to have a happy employee. He'd notice that \$120 every month."

Trustee Richard H. Peters noted, "It's difficult to obtain the quality of service we're looking for if the contract signer is unhappy. It's not easy to hold a person to this sort of thing."

Superintendent Rudrick J. Smith commented, "Use of force rarely winds up with a satisfactory situation. This teacher is using the proper procedure prescribed by law."

In final action, Chojnacki's resignation was approved.



TEEN-AGE REPUBLICANS from Farmington visited Washington, D.C. recently. While there they toured the Capitol and met with 19th District Republican Congressman Jack McDonald. From left, on the Capitol steps are: (first row) Tammy Rainier; Mrs. Byron Oliver; Linda Najjar; Gary Lake; Patricia Oliver; McDonald; Natalie Sieck; Gunter Sauerbrehmann, president; David Clappison; Bruce Baker; Rebecca Nietert; Joanne Robbins; Ann Scott; Gloria Levy; and Rene Cecora.

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