



TOP CAT WINNERS—Dick Bey, president of the Jack Lawther Junior Football League, presents the "Top Cat" trophy to John Cullen (No. 35) and Russell Blaney (No. 22), co-captains of the winning Minutemen of North Farmington, who dumped the Rockets of South Farmington, 20 to 1, Saturday. At right (No. 22) is Rockets captain Kevin Renee.

School Board Ponders Integration, Skirts

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
Staff Writer

Farmington Board of Education discussed issues from de facto segregation to mini-skirts at its meeting Monday night.

Commenting on a recommendation by the Michigan Association of School Boards to provide a state program of school transportation—reimbursement to school districts to defray cost of busing required to eliminate de facto segregation, Trustee Richard H. Peters said:

"This is controversial. I'm surprised it would be recommended by such a conservative group. It would be a bombshell to our community or any other part of the state."

Dr. Sanford Bloomberg said, "I think there is a principle involved. Should we or should we not share the problem with the cities who are involved? Are we our brother's keeper?"

All trustees voted "yes" on approving the busing recommendation.

Conversely, all voted "no" on the association's recommendation for Interties as a means of providing school

Census Bureau Needs Help In Oakland

The U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a house to house survey in Oakland County during the months of October and November and needs 87 more interviewers to complete the work.

George Gogolian, Oakland County Democratic Chairman, urged all Oakland residents interested in making application to call (313-4071) or MT 7-2881 or write to Democratic headquarters, 1700 S. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.

Pay for census enumerators is \$1.58 an hour, plus mileage. Recruitment began Sept. 5 and training session will be held Oct. 18 and 19. Enumeration will begin Oct. 19 and is to be completed by Nov. 13.

Registration Hours Extended For Election

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and his staff are going all out to give Township voters an opportunity to register prior to the important incorporation ballot on Oct. 23.

The state rules require voters to register one month and a day prior to the election.

With that in mind, Clerk Cairns Tuesday announced his office will open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BLOOMBERG instigated the discussion on mini-skirts with a query about whether the school board had ever considered rules of dress policy, behavior and haircuts.

A psychiatrist, Bloomberg stated that "the problem comes up time and time again and the parent does not tell the child how he feels about the child's dress. I think we should make it known how we feel," he went on. "The adolescent wants direction. We get into trouble with our kids when we allow too much freedom with no direction from parents or school and the student meeting pressure from peer groups."

Supt. Roderick J. Smith replied, "I am personally concerned about it, but it's a difficult problem, and sometimes you raise a hornet's nest."

Board Is Happy

School Contract Signed

Farmington Board of Education and the Farmington Education Association formally signed the 1967-68 school year teacher contract Monday night.

Before the signing, Board President Herbert R. Neal said, "we are happy we aren't presented with the spectacle of some 20 other school districts which have yet to sign contracts."

"Our policy is to pay the highest wages we can. Our only reservation is next year's contract."

"This one doesn't correct

"It is an area of real concern to make our position a realistic one. Unfortunately, somewhere along the line, a parent takes issue that a school board has no right to do this."

Assistant Supt. M. Van Ameyde noted, "I visit these schools and I am proud of the Farmington school body and how it has conducted itself over the years. The student council are active and annually review dress policy."

"Our problem is with the parent," he said, "who doesn't understand the problem. The child makes the decision if corrected — the parent makes the issue."

George W. Osis added,

"The school athletic department is to be commended. When boys get off the buses on game day in shirts and ties, we can really be proud of them."

ance for authorized personnel to 10 cents a mile, retroactive Sept. 1.

• Approved appointment of 16 teachers.

• Authorized payment of \$1,800 for construction of 115 feet of additional storm sewer line at Forest School.

• Tabled bids for parking lot work at Gill and Shawwas Schools until the school engineer checks out the low bidder.

• Authorized the staff to advertise for bids on sale of six used school buses. Deadline for bids is Sept. 20.

• Increased mileage allow-

Pay Phone Turns Into Slot Machine

When Jim Baker, 15, of 23829 Colchester, tried to get his dime back from an outdoor phone booth, he got more than he bargained for. Last weekend Baker tried to make a telephone call and couldn't complete it. When he hung up the receiver, \$3.30 in change came spilling out of the phone instead of his dime.

Baker took the money to Farmington city police, told them what had happened and asked them to turn the money over to the phone company.

Elected Delegate

Jerome Stampfer of Farmington, an employee of the Plymouth State Home and Training School, has been elected a delegate to 17,000 member Michigan State Employees Association's General Assembly, which will meet Friday through Sunday, Sept. 15, 16, and 17 in Grand Rapids for its 17th annual convention.

Slowdown Of Township Cars Asked

Criticism Tuesday by City Council member Thayer, who said, "Township police go racing through here (downtown Farmington) at a terrific rate of speed."

And City Manager John Dinan added that there was a problem with township volunteer firemen, too.

City Public Safety Director Robert Deadman was delegated to take up the problem with township police.

Councilman Thayer also chided city police for not using sirens on fast late evening runs. Ambulances, however, aren't as much of a problem, Thayer said.

Thayer's ire was aroused by a news story in the Aug. 30 Enterprise & Observer reporting that a township police car, en route to a fire, was hit by a private car.

Deadman said the acci-

2nd Restaurant, Motel Plan Told

Plans for a second motel-restaurant complex on the west side of Farmington were revealed before the Township Board Monday night.

George A. Duke Jr., one of the developers of the Independent Green apartments, asked and received Township Board approval for a Class C (liquor by the glass) license for the restaurant. The request goes next to the State Liquor Control Commission.

Duke said his firm is planning a 780 unit motel at a cost of \$1.8 million and a \$500,000 restaurant. He said construction will start just as soon as I can get the paperwork out of the way."

The \$2.3 million complex would be northeast of Grand River Avenue and Halstead Road, in the same plot of land as the apartment project.

Only a month ago, the Township Board approved a liquor license a short distance away—at 10 Mile and 1-96 in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park—for William Bowman, executive vice president of Thompson-Brown Co., developers. That was a Class E hotel-type license. Bowman put the cost of that project at \$1.3 million.

Asked Monday by a board member how he felt about other liquor licenses in that area of the township, Duke replied: "The more the merrier." He explained that the industrial area and apartment residents are under-served at present.

Duke was optimistic about the chances of busi-

ness success. "We have a waiting list for apartments out there . . . we'll have no problem whatsoever filling it (the motel and restaurant) up promptly."

He said the motel would have "two, possibly three stories," depending on the architect's final design.

Duke revealed that so far he has been planning an "independent operation," but that he has been in contact with three major national hotel chains. He didn't reveal their names because no final agreement has been reached.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall said the board had "unofficially" decided to reserve granting of liquor licenses to major projects of the \$400,000 and up category in order to assure the maximum investment—and tax base—in the township.

Trustee Earl Opperhauser observed: "I hope this tax base remains on the Farmington Township tax rolls and the city doesn't take a few more cracks at us." He referred to past annexation attempts by the City of Farmington.

The Duke liquor license, if finally approved by the LCC in Lansing, would leave the township with just one more available license to grant, at least until a new census is taken. "Table-top" licenses are awarded on the basis of one for each 1,500 population.

Duke's request received 6 to 0 board approval in a roll call vote. Trustee James Skillman abstained.

Township Aids County

\$40,000 Voted For Roads

By TIM RICHARD

Farmington Township will help the hard-pressed Oakland County Road Commission with a \$40,000 appropriation for road repairs.

The Township Board Monday responded affirmatively to a Road Commission request for approximately 50 per cent participation in an \$85,000 repair program for "distressed" streets.

The county, responsible for all county and township roads, had sent the request Aug. 17.

No streets were specifically listed in the county's program.

The county's shortage of funds was occasioned by (1) heavy winter snow removal costs and (2) the worst spring breakup of roads in years.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall said some of this year's funds could be saved by delaying the starting of a project to improve 11 Mile and Power roads.

Clerk Floyd Cairns motion to make the \$40,000 appropriation received unanimous voice approval from the Township Board.

Township officials justified the expenditure on the

ground it would amount to protecting the existing investment in roads. If no repairs are made, they reasoned, then whatever has been spent on building roads will have been wasted.

To help make up its share, the county will "further curtail such activities as roadside mowing, trimming and removal," according to the letter from Paul Van Roekel, county highway engineer.

Weeds will be removed only where they "cause a severe visibility restriction" impairing safety, he said, and diseased elms will be removed "only in front of residences where they create a hazard."

Van Roekel said there are nearly 35,000 square yards of summering pavement, "that should be repaired by complete construction."

Nearly 12,000 square yards would be given a "black base" treatment at \$2 a yard. A contractor would break up the pavement and base material so that it passes a 1½ inch screen, add sufficient asphalt to stabilize the material six inches deep, re-lay the material and compact it.

Several weeks later, a three-inch thick "seal coat" would be laid on top. The remainder would be improved by a thin "skin

patch of hot asphaltic concrete" a minimum of a half-inch to an inch thick. This will cost about \$1.25 a square yard.

Kids Hospital Will Become Nursing Home

Old Children's Hospital, located at Tuck Rd. near the Grand River expressway (I-96), will be rebuilt and transformed into the Farmington Nursing Home.

New owner, Grosse Pointe Nursing Homes, is planning a modern 170-bed, extended care nursing home with supporting facilities.

Construction on the 12½ acre site is tentatively scheduled to begin Nov. 1 and is expected to be completed within a year from that date.

Only the shells of the original buildings will be retained. The hospital was closed six years ago by the State of Michigan for lack of funds to make needed repairs.

Children's Hospital of Michigan was the former owner of the 40-year-old hos-

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HELPING HAND—Wendell Marvin (left) and Joe Comstock, members of the Orchard Lake Methodist Church's Executive Men's Club, were part of the contingent Saturday that painted the Farmington New Horizon's barn located behind the YMCA. The New Horizon's club is for handicapped persons. The men's club donated its time and effort.

Schools To See Science Show

General Motors "Previews of Progress" has been scheduled for appearances at three Farmington schools. Presentations will take place at 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Dunckel Junior High, at 10 and 11 a.m. Sept. 18 at East Junior High and

at 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at Farmington Junior High School. An educational stage demonstration, the 45-minute program depicts science in action. Its purpose is to encourage youth to pursue studies in science and engineering.

Township Sets Three Public Hearings

Three sets of public hearings on neighborhood improvements have been scheduled by the Farmington Township Board.

The projects and the hearing dates are: Stockton Avenue water-

sanitary sewers in Grand River Crest Nos. 1 and 2 and Grand River Crest State Nos. 1 and 2, Oct. 10 (a Tuesday), beginning at 7:30 p.m. in a southeast side elementary school to be arranged.

Duke's Forestbrook Subdivision water — a second hearing on costs, expected to total \$85,000, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.