



AT THE GROUND-BREAKING—Downtown Farmington Center looms behind the men who are breaking ground for a new Federal Department Store on Grand River Avenue. From left: Al Messinger, store district manager; Councilmen John Allen, Howard Thayer and Hugo (Pete) Peterson; company President J. Burke

Getting; Councilman Ralph Yoder; City Manager John Dinan; Board of Commerce President Fred Scott; company Board Chairman Allen Schwartz; Conrad Sullivan, president of Farmington Center Corp.

Federal's Plans City's Largest Downtown Store

Downtown Farmington got a hefty economic boost as construction begins on a new Federal Department Store—the largest commercial enterprise in the city's history.

When it's opened next spring, the new store will nearly double the amount of retailing space in the Downtown Farmington Center at Grand River and Farmington Road.

"We now have about 77,000 square feet of retail space in 29 stores," said Ed Baiden of the Farmington Center Corp. "With this addition, we'll have 70,000 square feet more."

GROUND WAS broken Thursday morning in a brief ceremony that was attended by Federal's aggressive new board Chairman Allen Schwartz and President Burke Gelling.

Schwartz, incidentally, will be featured speaker Thursday, Oct. 12, at a noon membership luncheon of the Farmington Board of Commerce in the Masonic Lodge.

The developer, Taubman Co. of Oak Park, is scheduled to start work on foundations Monday.

TAUBMAN WILL own the building, estimated to cost \$850,000 to \$950,000, and Farmington Center Corp. owns 4 1/2 acres of land which Federal's, Inc. will lease.

The total investment—land, building and equipment—is expected to total about \$1.2 million.

The new store's 300 parking spaces, added to the existing 600 spaces, will give downtown Farmington a total of 900 off-street spots, Baiden said.

He also predicted that the city will experience a commercial growth in the next two years equal to the growth of the last seven.

Baiden credited realtor O.G. Sanderson with being the first to approach the downtown group and the store chain with the idea of bringing a Federal's store here.

THE NEW store will have a colonial exterior, a modern interior with pastel hues, air-conditioning and displays arranged for easy self-selection.

It will be all on one floor—a modern trend in merchandising for stores of this type, according to a Taubman spokesman.

The store is the 27th of Federal's in the metropolitan area and the third Federal's office in the Observer News-papers circulation area. Others



APPLE BLOSSOMS usually come out in the spring but they'll be seen all over Farmington Sept. 22 when the Veterans of World War I, Barracks 1152, hold their annual sale of the blooms. Publicity chairman for the veterans, A.D. Fletcher (right) made the first sale to Councilman Howard Thayer.

1,200 To Attend Awards Banquet

North Farmington-West Bloomfield Baseball for Boys will hold its annual Father and Sons Awards Banquet in Roma Hall, Livonia, Monday, Sept. 18, at 6:15 p.m.

Some 1,200 Little Leaguers and their dads are expected to pack Roma Hall (located at Schoolcraft near Middle Bell) to near-capacity for the buffet dinner and to view the trophy presentations to the League Champions and All Star Teams.

League champions are: National Two-Ball—Braves; Dick Lockwood, manager; American Two-Ball—White Sox, Doug Fritz, mgr.; National Minors—Cubs, Dick Bancroft, mgr.; American Minors—Jets, Bill Widman, mgr.; National Majors—Red Legs, Joe Nestra, mgr.; American Majors—Indians, Frank Blazy, mgr.; Pony-champions Pirates, Rudy Sell,

mgr.; and Braves, Colt-co-champions, Indiana, Ron Emmitt, mgr., and Yankees, Tom Hart, mgr.

Among the special guests attending the banquet will be the individual team sponsors and the seven League mothers who handled the successful pre-season candy sale.

The League mothers are Mrs. Kenneth Gillette, Mrs. Donald Livingston, Mrs. Ted Daly, Mrs. Richard Scott, Mrs. William VanNorstrand, Mrs. William T. White and Mrs. Richard Gordon.

Magician Larry Thompson, billed as "The Man of Mysteries," will entertain the Little Leaguers and their fathers.

Lutherans To Discuss

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, Lutheran Church of the Incarnation will begin "Operation Awareness," a series of open discussions investigating the many areas in which the church is active.

This program will feature Lutheran Social Service's Mrs. Eleanor West presenting various aspects of adoption. Adoption practices in the state have been under examination by the press and various social agencies throughout the country.

The Lutheran Church Women invite all interested couples to attend and participate in the discussion at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 30333 10 Mile Rd.

Voters Have 5 Days To Register

Voting is a duty that none should neglect.

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.

Cairns announced that his office will be open this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. prevail on Monday and Tuesday.

The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m.

Religion Classes To Begin

Classes at St. Alexander's School of Religion will resume the week of Sept. 25. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades will begin on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

The first kindergarten classes will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Seventh and eighth grade classes will start Wednesday morning, Sept. 27, and the first classes for first and second grades will be held Saturday, Sept. 30.

High school classes will resume Monday evening, Oct. 2. Ninth grade classes will be held in the current from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tenth, eleventh, twelfth grade discussion classes will be held in various homes at the same time.

Registration for all students from kindergarten to 12th grade will be held in the church social hall after all the Masses on Sunday, Sept. 17, and on Monday, Sept. 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All of the children should be registered at this time, whether or not they attended St. Alexander's last year.

Traffic Lights Expected

Two traffic lights on 11 Mile Road are expected in the near future, according to Township Supervisor Curtis Hall.

One at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, just east of the township offices, will be installed by the Oakland County Road Commission in "six or seven weeks," he said.

Can Veterans Memorial Be Transferred?

During discussion for several months about moving the veterans memorial from the Village Green to the site of the proposed new library at 12 Mile and Farmington Road, nobody thought to find out who owns the memorial.

According to Jim Dyer, president of the Masonic Temple Association, his group owns it.

To the best of his knowledge, Dyer claims, the association gained title when it bought the property on which the Masonic Temple and the Memorial stand, from the township and city five years ago.

Dyer says Masonic attorney, Howard Bond, has examined the property deed and it lists no exclusions.

Dyer contends that any discussion about moving the memorial should include representatives of the Masons.

A monument committee, headed by Robert Smith, has appeared before City Council and the Township Board concerning the matter.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall told the Enterprise & Observer that he questioned ownership of the memorial, but has never brought it before the Township Board.

City Manager John Dinan said that the matter bears further investigation and he would have Smith contact Dyer.

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Eagle PTA To Explore Pressure

The Eagle School PTA will hold its first meeting of the 1967-68 school year at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in the school auditorium.

"The Green Blackboard," a provocative one-act play dealing with the pressures placed on children to excel in both the home and classroom, will be presented by the Family Service of Oakland County and performed by the Way-Side Players.

At the conclusion of the play, William Baker, plays for living coordinator for the Family Service, will lead the audience in discussion of the play and in other family and child-related problems.

Rifle Course Opens Sept. 19

Multi-Lakes Conservation Club, 3850 Newton Rd., Walled Lake will hold a basic rifle marksmanship course for those 12 years and older beginning from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19. The course, which runs for 10 weeks, teaches marksmanship and safe handling of firearms.

Contact Tom Martin, 534-6672; Ken Cracknell, EM 3-4757; or Troy Kilburn, 478-7358.

PTA To Meet

Kenbrook PTA will hold its first meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the school multipurpose room. Guest speaker will be Dr. Rodrick J. Smith, new superintendent of schools. Teachers will be introduced by the new Kenbrook principal, Peter Forge. Refreshments will be served.

Meanwhile, the county will make a traffic count at 11 Mile and Middle Bell, "to see if we really need a traffic light," he said.

He told the Township Board Monday that the county had not yet making the 11 Mile-Middle Bell count until school started on Sept. 18, but got the full impact of local traffic.

ory of", it might make the edifice public property. The original deed will have to be searched to determine the manner of dedication.

The township built the memorial in the early 1920's.

Moved or not, hopes of the monument committee are to update the memorial, which honors war dead only through World War I.



SLO-PITCH CHAMP Dave Harrison (left) captain of the Greater Farmington Slo-Pitch softball tournament winner Graham Electric, receives the championship trophy from League President Ira Carley. Harrison's team defeated Town and Country Dodge, 10-3, in the finals.



PTA OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Ten Mile School Parent-Teacher Association will hold an open house for parents and students at the school.

JAYCEE AUXILIARY

Sept. 19 at 8:30 p.m. Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary will meet in the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building. The meeting is open to all wives of Jaycees.

LWV MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. Farmington League of Women Voters will hold a membership coffee at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Mrs. Trena Quinn, Farmington city clerk, will explain current voting requirements and the establishing of voting precincts. Mrs. Arthur Crain, state board consultant, will outline the purpose and function of the league and review current activities.

APPLE BLOSSOM SALE

Sept. 22. Veterans of World War I, Barracks 1152, will sell apple blossoms throughout the city. In case of bad weather, the sale will be held Sept. 23.

BOY SCOUT PAPER DRIVE

Sept. 30. Boy Scout Troop 45 will conduct its annual paper drive.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DADS CLUB

The Junior Football Dads Club meets at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Blue Lantern Lounge, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. Volunteer workers are needed for the refreshment stand, game day assistance and experienced coaches.

OLDE FRANKLIN TOWNE DINNER DANCE

Sept. 22 in Glen Oaks Golf Club. Olde Franklin Towne Subdivision will hold a cocktail party and dinner dance, featuring cocktails at 7:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$15 per couple and can be purchased at the Olde Franklin Towne sales office. For further information, call Mr. and Mrs. Fred Delano, 628-8443.

NEWCOMERS CLUB

Sept. 27 at noon. Farmington Newcomers Club will hold its first meeting of the season in First Farmington Savings and Loan building, Orchard Lake Rd. near Grand River. A light luncheon will be served, followed by a business meeting and bingo. Guests are asked to bring a "white elephant" to be used in the game. Women new to the area are invited to attend. For further information, call Mrs. J. Thomas, 476-6067.