

Federal's Plans For Farmington Outlined

Members of the Farmington Board of Commerce heard a spokesman for Federal's Department Stores predict the growth of the entire downtown shopping center last week.

Speaking at the quarterly meeting of the businessmen's group, Allen Schwartz, chairman of the board of the retail firm, said that "if we do our job right all the merchants in town will have increased business."

Schwartz explained that Federal's creates customer traffic through its promotions and this in turn brings additional customers into the area and into the neighboring stores.

GROUND WAS broken for the 70,000 square foot building in September. The store, which is located on Grand River just west of the Downtown Center, is expected to open in March.

The store will carry a complete line of merchandise as a full-size department store. This will include clothing, household goods, furniture and appliances.

Schwartz said that the merchandise will feature the chain's "better lines" along with the broad lines found in other Federal stores.

Schwartz told the Board of Commerce members that he visited Farmington one summer and realized that there was no department store in the downtown area.

"I asked for information about the population and growth of the area," he said, "and the decision was made that if we could find a site we would build a store in Farmington. We believe that the new store will be good for the area."

The Farmington store is a part of the area-wide expansion. Schwartz said that not less than five stores a year would be opened by Federal's during the next five years.

Federal's currently operates 52 stores in Michigan, Ohio and New York. It does an average of \$145 million in business each year.

Assigned At Fort

Daniel C. Hedler is assigned to Company B, 11 Battalion, 3 Brigade, in the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA), at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Hedler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hedler, of 23004 Montclair Dr., Farmington.



DR. & MRS. S. A. BROADMAN and their son, Alfred, attended a Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle, Ireland during a recent trip. The Broadmans were chosen Lord and Lady of Thomond for the evening. The gal pouring the mead is Bunratty hostess Dolores Croke. The Broadmans have just returned from a trip which included visits to Denmark and Sweden as well as Ireland.

Festival Chairmen Honored

The co-chairmen for the 1967 Farmington Founders Festival were honored by the Board of Commerce at its quarterly luncheon meeting last week.

Ron Holland and Bob Bergstrom, co-chairmen of the 1967 Festival, were presented a plaque stating the Board's grateful appreciation for their "leadership and guidance" during the Festival.

The Board of Commerce annually sponsors the three-day Festival.

In a financial report to the membership, the Board said that this year's festival loss was \$729.94 as compared to the 1966 Festival loss of \$1,183.16.

This year the Board sponsored the Founders Follies, solicited donations, the queen contest and sponsored helicopter rides during the Festival to help raise the funds to underwrite the event.

To Aid Medic
Army Pvt. John L. Telek, 22, son of Louis W. Telek, 31667 Folkstone, Farmington, has completed a medical specialist course in the Army Medical Training Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Middlebelt Pupils To Appear Before MEA

Fifth grade pupils of Middlebelt School will travel to Troy High School Nov. 3 to put on a program at the Michigan Education Association meeting that has become their specialty.

The 30 children will present an original program about Michigan as the state might be promoted around the world. Developed in a television format, the presentation includes square dancing, choral readings, a dramatization about Paul Bunyan and singing of Michigan songs.

The program was devised for Michigan Week last year when the youngsters were fourth grade pupils of Mrs. Josephine Oliver. Their teacher this year is Mrs. Paula Brown, who has assisted Mrs. Oliver in this year's presentation.

The presentation at the MEA meeting will be made at the request of Mrs. Kay Briggs, Farmington school administrator and member of the Farmington Historical Society.

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Union Says No Progress

Irene Frantz, president of the United Mine Workers of America-District 50 in Farmington, reported that no progress has been made between her union and Willow Run Rubber & Lining Company's Plastic Division.

Willow Run was struck last Sept. 30.

Mrs. Frantz said that the two parties had met in Detroit at union headquarters last week.

"They (the company) again offered us the same 15 cents we had originally unanimously rejected," she said.

Mrs. Frantz said that the company has threatened to close rather than settle in agreement.

"Let them close. We are getting strike pay from the international which is backing our efforts 100 per cent," she said.

The outspoken local president said, "I personally don't care if they close this plant. I am experienced and there are much better plants to work in. I think most of the other girls think the same as I do."

Troop Has Fun Picking Apples

Troop 345 Junior, which meets at Beechview School, Mrs. Vera Mingo and Mrs. Olga Weir co-leaders, has started off the fall season with a trip to an apple orchard.

A farmer in Napier Township is going out of business invited the girls to come out and pick as many apples as they wanted before the bulk of the crop was sold to a cider mill. Needless to say, the girls picked their fill and had a lot of fun doing it. Naturally, the girls had an apple snack that day and hope to make some caramel apples with some of the others.

I haven't heard yet what was done with the apples that were taken home by the girls but I imagine some of the scouts and/or scout mothers have been busy making apple sauce.

FOUR GIRLS from the Senior Troop in Farmington, Mrs. Bridget Reagan, advisor, applied to council for the "Experiment in International Living" program and two of the girls were accepted-Fran Bleicher and Tess Schaefer.

This is only the first step for these girls, as they must also be accepted by the Regional Council and by the National Council of Girl Scouts. However, if, after investigations and interviews by the Regional Council, they are accepted for this program, then they are automatically accepted by National Council to represent the Girl Scouts abroad.

Tess Schaefer applied to, and was chosen by, Mercy High School to attend the "Language and Arts Abroad" in Spain this last summer, and spent two weeks there. Consequently, she became well acquainted with Spanish, which should stand her in good stead as she hopes to attend the Girl Scout Cabana in Mexico. She has also had quite a lot of varied Girl Scout experience as she has been in Girl Scouts for many years.

FRAN HAS been in Scouts since she was seven years old and attended day camp for a couple of years. As soon as she was old enough she began attending summer camp and for the past two summers she has been a counselor-in-training. She completed her training this year and then worked as a counselor with a troop for two weeks at Arrowhead. To qualify as a counselor she had to work as a program aide at day camp, give evidence of leadership ability in community affairs and be interviewed and investigated by the Camp director.

As you can see Tess and Fran are well qualified to represent our Country and Girl Scouts abroad and I know you will all join me in wishing them well.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON INCORPORATION and WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE YES on OCT. 23

ANNEXATION

The Township has lost large amounts of land due to annexation by the City of Farmington. Attempts will undoubtedly be made by the City of Farmington and possibly other cities surrounding us to grab the entire Farmington Freeway Industrial Park and other choice territory. Their gain would be the township residents' loss. The only way this land-grabbing can be stopped is by incorporation. **Vote YES October 23.**

INDUSTRIAL TAX BASE

A good industrial tax base is essential for a planned community such as ours. Should the city annex our industrial park the bulk of the tax burden will fall on the residents in the Township. **Vote YES October 23.**

A WORD ABOUT SEWERS

The most recent annexation of Township area by the city will possibly result in the loss of thousands of dollars to the Township due to the loss of a portion of the Tarabusi Sewer Arm. If the Township loses the case, and if the city annexes the entire industrial park, the projected loss to the Township would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. These losses must be made up by those living in the Township. **Vote YES October 23.**

CONTROL FUTURE POPULATION GROWTH

Since 1951, the Township has been a planned community which includes not only zoning controls but also population density control. Successful annexation of portions of the Township can throw the entire master plan into jeopardy. A YES vote for incorporation will control future population density growth and thus minimize taxes. **Vote YES October 23.**

MONEY FOR ROADS

After incorporation we would receive, directly from the state, over \$100,000 more annually for local road maintenance than is now spent by the county in our area. As a Township we do not receive state road funds nor can we control their use by the county. **Vote YES October 23.**

CONTROL OVER LOCAL ROADS

As a Township we do not control stop lights, stop signs, yield signs, etc.; these are all under the control of the county. As a city we will control traffic safety. **Vote YES October 23.**

CONSOLIDATION

Consolidation is not an alternative to incorporation. Incorporation is a necessary first step prior to an in-depth study of consolidation possibilities. **Vote YES October 23.**

TAXES

Whether you live in a city or a township the tax rate is determined primarily by the amount of service required and approved by the citizens. Taxes are going to rise as the population increases even if we remain a Township. There is not one person in the entire area who can tell you what the taxes will be under any form of government next year or five years from now: But a vote YES for incorporation with resulting controlled population density and protection of our boundaries gives you the best chance for maintaining a low tax level: There is no automatic tax increase merely because you incorporate. **Vote YES October 23.**

THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON TAX INCREASE

This right can be included in a city charter and the Citizens Council will not endorse any charter not containing this right, nor will it endorse any charter which would allow imposition of an income tax without a vote of the people. **Vote YES October 23.**

THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The right of referendum is guaranteed by the state constitution and is contained in all of the city charters which we have examined. Our Council will not endorse any charter not containing this right. **Vote YES October 23.**

The Farmington Township Citizens Council for Community Development endorses the following members of the Council as candidates for the charter commission:

LeRoy F. LeGros
Frederick Lichtman
Donald E. McEachin
Robert B. Pierce

They have carefully and objectively studied the pros and cons on incorporation for the past ten months. Let them finish their work for you. They seek only to protect your right to self-determination.

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