

# Site Is Studied In Zoning Case

FARMINGTON The Farmington city council will survey the site of a proposed zoning change with neighboring homeowners as a result of a public hearing on the issue.

Zoning for R-1-O office was requested by Dr. Leo Timma, owner of the lot on the north side of Grand River and Powers Road.

The area involved is currently zoned partly commercial and partly residential.

Councilman John Allen stepped down from his seat to argue the case for the proposal.

He pointed out a discrepancy between the zoning indicated in a map of the area in the city records when

the parcel was purchased, and more current records.

Allen said the difference, about 30 feet of property, made it nearly impossible to build a structure on the commercial portion.

About six residents objected to his change, fearful construction on the site would push fill over the edge of the bluff behind the property.

In other business, the council:

- Declared Sept. 24-28 Red Cross volunteer recruitment week.
- Approved the permit for the North Farmington Band Boosters' day sale.
- Approved a permit for the Kiwanis Club peanut sale Sept. 21 and 22.

- Supported a resolution to the State Legislature asking for a change in traffic laws to allow a right hand turn at a traffic light after a stop.
- Proclaimed Oct. 6 Charles Larry Harwell day. Harwell was elected to the office of state master counselor of Michigan DeMolay.
- Proclaimed Oct. 20, as Sweetest Day.
- Approved a rate increase of \$500 per month to McHeady Trucking for garbage collection.
- Approved the sale of an additional four feet of property to the developers of the new Farmington Racquet Club.



PEANUT SALE -- Walt Gage sells Al Nagy a bag of peanuts for the Kiwanis Club. The sale, the weekend of Sept. 21 and 22, is the major fund-raiser for Kiwanis service projects during the year. (Evert photo)

## WSU Holds Memorial To Chairman

FARMINGTON A memorial service for W. Sprague Holden, a Farmington resident who chaired the Wayne State University department of journalism, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Community Arts auditorium on the WSU campus.



Holden, who died of a heart attack Aug. 8, joined the WSU faculty as a professor of English in 1946 and served as the first and only chairman of the department since its inception in 1949.

Holden was a former editorial writer for the Detroit Free Press and the Akron Beacon Journal, managing editor and theatre-movie reviewer of the San Francisco Argonaut, and staff writer for Time Magazine.

Born in Grand Rapids, Holden was the recipient of two Fulbright research grants, travelling to Australia to study newspapers.

He was the author of "Australia Goes to Press," published by the WSU press and Melbourne University press; a W. Sprague Holden Memorial Journalism Scholarship fund, administered by the Wayne State Fund, has been established in his honor.

This corner's reaction to the first walkout of the Farmington teachers is a mixed bag of irritation at most of the parties concerned.

To begin with, it seems more like the teachers have extended their vacations rather than gone on strike.

A daily newspaper columnist made the idiotic remark "the teachers have no strike fund," which is only sort of true.

The requirement of the State Board of Education that schools be held 180 days a year, and the expectation of the teachers that they be paid for the full period, regardless of when they choose to show up for work, means their annual income is only delayed, but will show up later in the school year.

This picture will only change if the teachers are so foolish as to stay out until state funds are jeopardized, either by not holding classes on the day when school population is counted, or encountering a penalty for not holding a full school year.

More foolishness is the accusation by some of the school board and the school administration that there is some kind of "strike plan" formulated by the MEA, and

the Farmington teachers are blindly following orders from the state.

There were at last count, only four districts in Oakland County not at work when school began.

Farmington walked out after being offered approximately the same contract that Southfield teachers accepted several weeks before. Birmingham walked out after being offered a settlement similar to what the FEAs said they would have been happy with here.

The only evidence of a "conspiracy" was a rather tasteless ad campaign run with the aid of the State Education Association public relations department, calling attention to the "class size" issue.

It seems obvious that real "hard bargaining" took place only during the last few weeks before school was due to open.

Since negotiations of this sort take place behind closed doors, it is difficult to see which side has the thicker head.

One can't help but feel the negotiators ought to delay their summer vacations until a contract is signed, rather than indulging in this kind of winking game.

The school board has been remarkably wishy-washy on the issue. If there was ever a need for leadership by this elective body, this is the time.

Board President Mervyn Ross explained the board was "waiting for advice" from the school administration and attorney.

In this particular case, the administration is in the peculiar position of bargaining with people they will have to live with later in the year. Any strong position would have to be taken by the board on its own initiative.

Is the collective bargaining process a farce?

The teachers seem to feel they lack respect at the bargaining table without a real strike. Although there is some obvious truth to this position, the actual history of the contracts settled in the past indicates real gains have taken place without walkouts.

Whether the local administration would have been so congenial without shutdowns elsewhere is another point.

One more gripe, from this crochety columnist: I think parents should carry their own picket signs, if they are interested in protesting the teachers. The kids might look cute and symbolic out there, but they are still being used.

## Farbman Leads JWF Youth

SOUTHFIELD Burton D. Farbman, vice president of Schostak Brothers & Co. of Southfield, has been elected president of the junior division of the Jewish Welfare Federation, (JWF).

As president, Farbman will lead some 2,000 young adults who participate in the Allied Jewish Campaign - Israel Emergency Fund and in the division's year-round social and educational programs.

Also elected junior officers for the coming year were: Edward A. Lumberg of Southfield, chairman, execu-

tive committee; Richard J. Maddin of Farmington and Neil Satovsky of Orchard Lake, vice presidents.

Chosen as executive committee members were: Ronne Acker, West Bloomfield; Linda Gershenson, Troy; Bruce J. Finsilver, Southfield; Dorene Fier, West Bloomfield; and John M. Frank of Detroit.

Farbman is presently acting as liaison between the junior division to the board of directors of Federation Apartments, the high-rise residences for senior adults in Oak Park sponsored by JWF.

Farbman is a member of the Detroit Real Estate Board, South Oakland Board of Realtors, National Institute of Real Estate Board, Michigan Real Estate Assn., Economic Club, and Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Farbman, wife, Suzy and son David are members of Temple Israel and live in Farmington Woods.



BURTON D. FARBMAN



ANN MARIE FLAKNE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flakne, 30121 Fiddlers Green, Farmington, will reign as Central Michigan University's 1973 homecoming queen. A junior whose major is child development with a minor in English and education, she was chosen by the student body from a field of six candidates.

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