

FRANKLIN NEWS

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Winner
"Fitch of Franklin" a Labrador retriever owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ziesow, is back sporting six best-of-breed awards out of a possible nine and a championship rating. The dog was shown in the circuit covering Dayton, Ohio and shows in Iowa and Nebraska by Handler-Trainer Dick Cooper of Franklin Park, Ill.

Brownie Outing
Brownie Troop 77 held their first cookout of the season in the Franklin River ravine last Saturday. Much of the morning was devoted to preparations for campfire and lunch. The youngsters spent the afternoon exploring the banks of the ravine, gathering wildflowers and studying available flora and fauna. They were accom-

panied by Mrs. Leo Burr, leader; Mrs. Thomas Dadson, co-leader; and by Mrs. Wendell Smith, committee member.

Circles to Meet
Annual election of officers is on the agenda when the Evening Circle meets at 8:15 this evening at the home of Mrs. Wade Brown, 29915 W. 13 Mile road.

Friends Circle will hold its annual election at its May meeting at the Crestwood drive home of Mrs. Clifford Baugh at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. Mrs. Nettie Morford and Mrs. Baugh will play piano and organ duets for the group after the business session.

Discussion Group
The Discussion group is to meet

at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dobb, of Middle Straits lake, will be hosts to the members.

Summer Preparations
The George Gerlachs of Captains lane have been making frequent weekend trips to their summer home at Coldwater to get things in shape for the season ahead.
With like purpose the Oliver Kirks of 13 Mile road have been heading north on weekends to their place on Torch lake.

Vacationers Back
Back in their home on Charles lane are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly after a three-week holiday in the company of the Frank Williams of Detroit. The party vacationed at Atlantic City and Williamsburg, Va.

Attend Convention
Mr. and Mrs. A. Jerome Geiser of Wing Lake spent the weekend at Jackson at the state convention of sanitary engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Foley and children Christine and Dennis visited Kalamazoo on Mothers Day to witness the parade of Barbor Hall students. Son Ronald, a student at Barbor, will graduate on June 3.

New Arrivals
Mr. and Mrs. George Ryder, of Mt. Clemens, announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Renee, on May 4. Mrs. Ryder is the former Donna Polczynski of Frank lin.

Birthday
Christine Foley was six yesterday. She celebrated with a party at her home on Verona drive, with ten youngsters from the neighborhood in attendance.

Welcome, Neighbor
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grove and family, formerly of Grand Rapids, are settled in their new home on Riverwood road. Son Robert is in the first grade at Franklin school. Frances and Tally are of preschool age. Grove is with the Warner Swasey company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Neil and daughter Deborah Ann have moved from Birmingham into their new home on Greenbrier road. Neil is with the Bryant Heater division in Detroit.



70-STORE PROJECT IS SURROUNDED BY PARKING FOR 6,000 AUTOMOBILES. Two years will be required for construction



ARCHITECT'S CONCEPTION OF ONE OF THE NORTHLAND CENTER'S COURTYARDS. Federal government has approved immediate construction of huge project

Construction Started On Northland Center

Ground was broken last week for the J. L. Hudson company's huge Northland Center in Southfield township.

The shopping development which will be one of the largest suburban shopping centers in the world, will be between Northwestern highway and Greenfield, just north of Eight Mile road.

Within 20 to 23 months, the center, built to serve an area with 450,000 residents, should be completed, according to Oscar Weber, president of Hudson's.

Hudson's branch store, which is the central unit of the nearly 1,000,000 square feet of floor area, will be open by or before the spring of 1964.

The development will occupy 161 of a 409-acre site.

THE LONG-AWAITED approval of the National Production Authority to allow the necessary materials to allow construction to start immediately, follows almost three years of planning by Hud-

son's and a staff of nationally known experts in merchandising, architecture, land use, traffic flow, construction engineering and market analysis.

Hudson's branch will be approximately one-fourth the size of the downtown Hudson store. The selling area will be nearly one-third the size of the downtown store.

The center is designed as a group of one-story stores, shops, markets, restaurants grouped around garden courts and malls.

It will be a complete one-stop center where a customer can fulfill every shopping need.

The approximately 70 tenant stores will include men's, women's and children's apparel stores, a super market, bank, drug and variety stores, hardware and furniture stores, cleaning shops, shoe repair shop, barber shop and others.

SIX OF THE FIRMS which will occupy space in the center already have signed their leases. They are Cunningham Drug stores, Hughes and Hatcher, S. S. Kresge Co., the Kroger Co., Robinson Furniture Co., and Winkelman Brothers.

The tenant stores will have storage facilities in basement areas keyed to a system of freight-truck passages, loading platforms, and service areas, all underground.

Along the practical aspects of merchandising, beauty has been foremost in the minds of planners. Important in the integrated beauty of the center is the court and mall development, surrounding and in-

side the store areas.

INCLUDED ARE SHADED areas, rest benches and sheltered spots where shoppers can relax.

An auditorium with both entrances on the inside and outside the Hudson store, so that it can be used after shopping hours, will be the major community service unit.

A huge parking area will accommodate 6,000 cars and 5,000 additional car spaces can be added later.

Construction of the center will be of reinforced concrete and all buildings will be air conditioned.

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