

Elevated Police Cars In 70s?

By DENNIS L. PAJOT
Farmington city police may be up in the air before the 70s pass, but it's not likely they'll be floating over town with jets strapped to their backs, ala former Detroit Police Commissioner Johannes Spreen's parting idea.

Instead, they're likely to be seated in specially designed police vehicles which have seating above the level of the normal passenger car.

Equipment storage compartments will be underneath, and there will be an oversize bumper up front.

PATROLMEN THUS mounted with clear vision of traffic and/or crime action will carry an ever-increasing amount of sophisticated paraphernalia and be ready to

clear wrecked vehicles from traffic lanes. They might also have a radio antenna coiled above their helmets.

City of Farmington Public Safety Director Robert Deadman conjectures this about the coming techniques of law enforcement in this decade.

Asked his reaction to Spreen's jet patrolman idea, Deadman said, "He's a hell of a good PR (public relations) man."

"No doubt we have developed the technology to improve law enforcement over the years and will continue to improve it, but the jet age policeman—personally I don't believe we'll see it in five years, as Spreen predicted."

"I QUESTION whether the cost of purchase and maintenance

would be worth it. It's cumbersome. The fuel load alone is enormous. What's a patrolman going to do when he gets to the scene—just lay this thing, costing probably several thousand dollars, on the ground where it can be vandalized, and go about his business?"

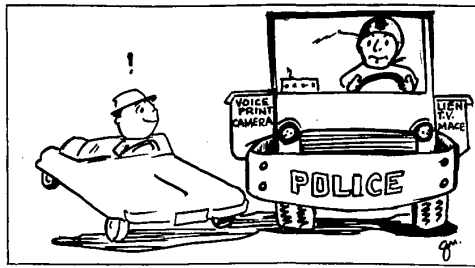
"The tool I see being used a lot more is the helicopter. It's great for surveillance, and it can be held in a stationary position, which an airplane can't."

"No, it's not practical for a community the size of Farmington to go it alone with a helicopter, but possibly on a sharing basis with other departments."

"It has its disadvantages, like almost all new technology. It's noisy, for one thing. People aren't apt to like the noise from the rotor droning constantly overhead."

WE DO NEED something to higher than our patrol cars at low now. The ordinary passenger...

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today's hot line

Abortion Hearing

A public hearing on abortion reform will be held in Plymouth on Monday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. in the public library.

Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-Deerborn Heights) is chairing the five-member Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement.

A champion of abortion reform, Mrs. Beebe said the hearing will cover three bills—S.B. 287, 288 and 374. Watch next Wednesday's edition for a summary of the bills.

The session will be open to the public and to anyone who wishes to speak. Mrs. Beebe's office said.

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Be Careful!

City Safety Director Robert Deadman has issued a warning to guard against fire hazards at this time of year, especially. You'll find his guide lines on safety of life and limb—and your home.

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Making Progress

The Family Life Committee has been conducting a series of studies and report some outstanding progress. Read the various subjects being discussed and how the members feel about them.

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Symbol of Hope

The overflow gathering of tax payers at the zoning meeting in the City Hall augurs well for the future. You can find some good signs in editorial on subject...

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Where Are The Hills?

Have you seen all those cars filled with skiers off for one day jaunts? Where are they going? Today's feature page answers that question and provides some tips for the novice skier.

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The underground films will surface this month in Farmington when Oakland Community College students sponsor a film festival. For the details see the Amusements Page.

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Observer Want Ads 422-0900

New Library To Be Built Despite Lack Of Grant

By W.W. EDGAR

Despite the lack of federal funds, the Library Board of Trustees has decided to proceed with the construction of the new library on 12-Mile Road, on the site opposite the O. E. Dunkel Junior High School.

This decision, ending more than two years of study—and waiting—was reached at a meeting Wednesday night.

First conceived several years ago, and given impetus by the voters' approval of a

one-mill tax increase, the proposed library facility has been cause for alternate high hopes and disappointment over the period.

The first big disappointment came last year when it was learned that the federal agencies were trimming appropriations. It had been hoped, up to that time, that the government would supply approximately 40% of the construction costs which would have run more than \$1 million.

Then, recently, it was learned that both houses of

Congress passed new allocations, but the bill has yet to be signed by President Nixon.

This gave the board of trustees new hope and paved the way for its decision to build.

In a prepared statement issued after Wednesday's meeting, the board stated: "Federal funds still are not available. However, in this interim, the board of trustees, the architects, Iarapata-McMahon, Paulsen, Associates, Inc., of Bloomfield Hills, and our consultants continued to work on the refinement of the

plans, and now are happy to announce that action on them is imminent.

"Complete architectural site survey and soil exploration work have already been completed. It is expected that bids will be submitted for its construction in a few months and current plans anticipate construction will be finished late in 1971 unless delays beyond control should develop.

"A model of the new building is being finished by the architects and will be made available soon for public view-

ing."

PRIOR TO Wednesday's meeting, Board Chairman Thomas P. Czubiak sounded optimistic about board action, but refused to comment, "until after the entire board has reviewed a statement."

It was this statement to proceed with the building that the board released after the session.

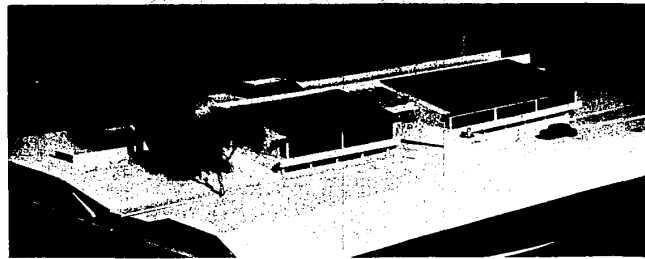
"We are still hopeful of getting the federal grant," Mrs. Mary Allison, secretary of the board, commented, "but we couldn't wait any longer to build."

"With construction costs going up every day, there is no telling what the cost of construction would be if there are any more delays," she said.

She also was optimistic about the federal grant.

"We understand things are opening up a bit," she said, "and with the news that both houses of Congress have approved the appropriations for the year, we feel almost certain that President Nixon will sign it—and make it official."

Construction of the facility will be the realization of a dream for all those interested in education.



THE NEW LIBRARY. At least this is the architects' version of what the new facility will look like when it is constructed on the 12-Mile site and fill a long felt need in the Farmington Community. (Evert photo)

Two Points At Issue In Proposed Zoning

by WYLIE GERDES

As a result of the public hearing in City Hall last Monday night, the much discussed issue of rezoning the downtown business area has been reduced to two main points.

These two points, according to City Manager John Dinan, are the powers the proposal would give to the Planning Commission and the restrictions that are to be placed on business.

These points were discussed at a meeting of the planners and the businessmen Friday night and it was reported that considerable headway was being made.

MOST OF the businessmen in the audience last Monday criticized some part of the plan, but most believed some improvement of the downtown area is needed.

The zoning plan proposed for the central business district is more restrictive than the commercial zoning used for businesses over the city. It would prohibit certain types of businesses not in character with a downtown area from building in the zone.

Some types of businesses prohibited by the proposed ordinance include: almost any auto servicing business, along with service stations, bump shops, car washes and tire

sales stores; businesses involving sale or servicing of trailers, recreation vehicles or boats over 20 feet in length; any drive-in type restaurants; automatic laundries, lumberyards, warehouses and bowling alleys; and businesses involving the outdoor sales of products.

PRESENT business establishments prohibited in the proposed ordinance, would not be affected, Dinan said at the public hearing, unless they wanted to expand or improve the building, or change the use of the building.

Any changes in appearance, such as painting, would have to be approved by the Planning Commission, according to the ordinance. Owners of businesses prohibited by the ordinance might be restricted.

The ordinance has no power to stop sales of prohibited businesses in the downtown area, Dinan said.

Businessmen who operate firms in the downtown area, which are prohibited in the ordinance are understandably opposed to the ordinance.

Most of the opposition to the

proposal at the public hearing, however, came from those who felt the ordinance places too much power in the hands of the Planning Commission.

THE ORDINANCE says the Planning Commission must approve a site plan of all buildings and additions in the central business district. The ordinance says a site plan should state the type and general manner of all outdoor signs, placement and method of rubbish and garbage storage, type of landscaping and the exterior design.

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Old Christmas Cards Wanted

The Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary is still collecting old Christmas and greeting cards for the Plymouth Association for Retarded Children at Plymouth State Home.

If you have used Christmas cards and wish to donate them to the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary, they may be dropped off in a box at the Farmington District Library for the next three weeks.

Donates Blood

Mike McCoeghy of 23565 Glencreek, Farmington, was among 2,023 students, faculty and staff members of the University of Wisconsin at Madison who gave a pint of blood during the fall's all-campus blood donation on the university's Madison campus.

The gifts of life were collected by the Red Cross Blood Center in Madison for distribution to 88 hospitals in 54 southern Wisconsin counties, including all Madison and university hospitals, and to the nation's armed forces wherever needed.



C-C-C-COLD C-C-C-CAPERS — Dashing across an ice-covered pond, or just lazily skimming while toasting the frosty air. Slamming down a hill with snow pelting a gay face... That's what winter's good for. Here's a hockey game so joyful someone sacrificed his boots for the goal markers. (Evert photos)