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See Rembrandt's Works

An exhibit of Rembrandt's works is the feature this month in the Detroit Institute of Arts. Interested Farmington residents can conveniently make the trip by making reservations now with the Farmington Community Center. **Page 2A**

Census Means \$\$

Cooperate with those people counting heads for the 1970 census. The results will mean more money coming into the Farmington area for road maintenance and other municipal services. An analysis on today's local editorial page examines what effect the census will have for the four governmental units in the Farmington Area. **Page 3A**

Moose Eaters

Participants got a full tummy and a good time while the March of Dimes received a record contribution from the annual wild game feast held in Mike and Tom's Pub. A report indicates that not all of the wild game there made it into the oven. **Page 5A**

Beating High Costs

There are four church congregations in Livonia that have found a fine way to cut operational costs. The story is in the church section. **Page 7B**

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upcoming

THE BEST HIGH school basketball players in Observerland have been picked by our sports staff in consultation with the men who know best -- the coaches. Watch for it in next Wednesday's edition of your hometown newspaper.



"Dream of a Bride..."

A special feature of the Observer Newspapers look for it Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 25



MRS. WILLIAM MILLIKEN

Beautifiers Will Host Mrs. Milliken Here

On Thursday, March 19, the beautification committees of the City of Farmington and the Township of Farmington will join forces to host the Southeastern Michigan Beautification Council's spring meeting.

More than 300 invitations to the noon luncheon in the Farmington Elks Club, 23666 Orchard Lake Rd., have been sent to members of the council as well as prominent governmental and community leaders.

Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Mrs. William G. Milliken, who will discuss, "Quality of Our Environment."

In addition to the principal address, displays and other objects of interest dealing with beautification problems will be offered.

Farmington residents of the committees are Mrs. John Richardson for the city and Mrs. Dwight Gordon for the township.

When she came to Michigan from her native state of Colorado, Mrs. Milliken brought with her a love of the outdoors, although she has had less time for outdoor life since her husband became governor.

During her childhood in Colorado, she became skillful at skiing, tennis and swimming and has taught skiing in Traverse City where she has lived since first coming to Michigan in 1946.

A graduate of Smith College, Mrs. Milliken has obtained a landscape architecture degree at Michigan State University while seeking other goals such as the reactivation of the original State Beautification Committee.

Downtown Hearing's Monday

A hearing will be held Monday night on the further revised Central Business District (CBD) draft ordinance being studied for adoption by the City of Farmington.

The hearing will be held by the City Planning Commission starting at 8 p.m. in the council chambers. The following Monday, March 16, the city council will conduct a hearing on the CBD draft ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION members met last Wednesday night to discuss revisions suggested by Driker Associates, planning consultants, and Burton Shifman, the commission's special legal aide for the CBD ordinance.

The previous Wednesday, Feb. 25, the planners finalized the proposed new boundaries for the downtown district.

The district is roughly the area between Thomas St. on the north, Slocum on the south, Liberty on the west and on the east a line extending directly north of Mayfield.

That is only a rough description, because the boundaries have many jogs with the downtown district looking like a piece from a jigsaw puzzle. The jogs are necessary, ex-

plained City Manager John Dinan, to exclude residential and other uses which do not belong in the downtown district.

The exact boundaries of the district will be explained in detail Monday night.

SHIFMAN HAS been working to strengthen the city's position on legal questions covering appeal procedures, setbacks, non-conforming uses, and ingress and egress.

Richard Tupper, chairman of the commission's subcommittee on downtown redevelopment, reports that in addition to the CBD ordinance, the committee will be studying traffic flow and controls within the downtown area.

The committee will also study general aesthetics and necessity of a CBD sign ordinance.

Special studies such as public transportation, high-rise ordinance, investigation of advantages of a market research study and establishment of a CBD continuing advisory committee will be considered, says Tupper.

Tupper says a comprehensive plan for the downtown area will develop from these special studies.

Buzzards Intrigue Holly Orr

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

What do James Audubon (1785-1851) and Holly Orr of Farmington High School have in common?

Birds. True, Audubon covered a wide range of bird life. Holly has devoted herself to the turkey buzzard.

Fifteen-year-old Holly is first place winner in the great turkey buzzard essay contest at Farmington High.

FHS CREATIVE writing teacher, Linda A. Arndt staged the contest.

Miss Arndt is intrigued by the habit of 150 turkey buzzards who fly back to Hinckley, Ohio, each year on March 15.

Audubon might say that if the buzzards have to go back to some place they might as well go back to Hinckley, Ohio. "Buzzard" and "Hinckley" somehow go together like "swallows" and "Capistrano."

ANYWAY, Holly's creative effort on the buzzard's habit was titled: "Why I Want to Go to Hinckley, Ohio, to Watch the Buzzards Return."

Writing under the pseudonym, "Little Mary Sunshine," here are some of the things she has to say:

"I believe it was my dear, departed Uncle Herman who first inspired me to visit Hinckley, Ohio, to watch the turkey buzzards come in for their once-a-year visit. Uncle Herman was a bird-watcher and was interested in all kinds of birds, especially the vulture-like birds.

"I remember times when he actually looked like a buzzard, the way he would hang over his plate at dinner. When we played hide-and-seek, I always knew he would be hiding in the top of the deadwood tree in the backyard.

"I suppose I never really noticed anything odd about Uncle Herman until the year he took it upon himself to ornithologically educate me. I shall never forget that morning when he burst into my bedroom banging pots and pans, and shouting, 'Rise, ye all! 'Tis Buzzard Day in Hinckley!'"

HOLLY CONTINUES: "Very much surprised, I found he had baked a cake commemorating the return of the buzzards, hidden buzzard eggs around the house, and had even written several buzzard carols, which he taught me.

"I can remember one in particular (sung to the tune of "When the Caissons Go Rolling Along") - When the Buzzards Come Flying Along - Over land, over sea - Here they come to Hink-s-ley, as those buzzards come flying along. March 15, every year - how it fills our hearts with cheer, to see those buzzards come flying along."

HOLLY CONCLUDES -- "Uncle Herman and I continued to celebrate Hinckley Buzzard Day every year thereafter. Upon his death, he willed to me his diary, which tells the story of his visit to Hinckley.

According to him, there is no more beautiful sight than the buzzards landing in Hinckley, for there is nothing more

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AUTHOR AT WORK—Holly Orr of Farmington High School looks reflective as she writes her winning essay, "Why I Want to Go to Hinckley, Ohio, to See the Buzzards Return." (Evert photo)

Roads Made Impassable By Rain



WALKING HOME -- Residents in the southeast part of Farmington Township are walking home again as the roads are made un-navigable by collected water. Melted snow and an early rain delivered the water which remains because the drainage

pipes are still frozen. The above "roads" are a stretch of Albion and the intersection of Albion and Greyfield. Oakland County Road Commission promises to steam out the pipes and homeowners are still awaiting their arrival. (Evert photo)