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**Are We Smug?**

Gov. Milliken's speech on the suburbs has been widely misinterpreted, his staff feels, and sometimes attacked, so we are reprinting the bulk of the text. The governor spoke at the "Birmingham Tomorrow Symposium," which News Editor Tim Richard covered and summarizes.

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**Racing Landmark**

For only the second time in history, a harness track last week drew more wagering than the runners. Observer racing columnist Doc Minard has a perceptive analysis of the trend.

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We're your hometown paper, but we also take a look at the broader region of the suburbs-how local businessmen saw the U.S. Chamber of Commerce convention, what local Democratic legislators think about MSU, how a Republican congressman sees the U-M.

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## Library Trustees Release Financial, Building Report

Farmington will have a new library with or without help of federal funds but a possibility still exists a portion of the cost may come from the federal government.

The Farmington District Library Board, at a meeting Wednesday night, announced the financial arrangements for the library to be built on a site on 12 Mile Rd. south of O. E. Dunckel Junior High.

The financial plans for the \$1.5 million structure don't include any federal funds. But the secretary of the library board said Farmington still has a chance to receive a portion of the cost from the federal government.

MRS. MARY ALLISON, secretary of the board, told an audience of 25 in the Farmington Community Center that federal funds totaling \$230,000 are available for new library construction in Michigan.

Farmington and six other communities have applied for part of the funds, she said. The State Board of Education will allocate the money near the end of May.

"We would be very, very lucky if we get \$35,000 or something like that," Mrs. Allison said.

The library board's timetable for construction begins in June with the awarding of a general contract. The estimated date of completion of the building is December 1971.

**FINANCIAL PLANS** exclude cost of books.

Board members estimate the building will open with 20,000 to 25,000 volumes compared to 31,000 volumes in the present library.

Capacity of the new building will be about 100,000 volumes, according to Ernie Sauter, a member of the Library Board. He said the average cost of a library book is \$6, so the full

collection for the new building will cost \$600,000.

Financial basis for construction of the building is a one mill property tax approved by Farmington voters in 1967.

**IN A MEMORANDUM**, on the new library, the board reports assets of more than \$618,000 now.

Sauter said most of the money is in U.S. Treasury certificates and certificates of deposit.

By June 30, the board estimates, the district will have on hand \$836,000 for the new library. Income for this fiscal year is estimated at \$272,000 from township taxes, \$73,500 from city taxes and \$72,500 in miscellaneous income such as interest, state aid and fines.

The board's memo says about \$1.2 million will be avail-

able for the project by the end of next fiscal year, June 30, 1971.

**BY THE END** of 1971-72 fiscal year, \$300,000 more will be available for the project.

Board President Tom Czublik noted the one mill property tax will be levied at least until 1977. He said the library's basic collection and other improvements not included in the original estimate "probably will have to come rather slowly."

Estimated cost of the building is divided into: \$1,242,000 for the building itself; \$83,000 for development of the five-acre site; \$90,000 architect's fee and \$120,000 for a contingency fund.

Bud Bentley, an architect with Tarapata, McMahon and Paulsen Associates of Bloom-

field Hills, described the features of the \$1.5 million library to the audience.

**THE BUILDING WILL** cover 31,000 square feet, with a 102-car parking lot.

The exterior will be plastered, with a surface of small pebbles. The building's roof will be anodized steel and all windows will be tinted.

The design features four areas on the first floor and two in the basement. A reference room, an adult reading room, a children's reading room and an administrative area will be on the first floor.

In the basement will be a meeting room for 220 persons with a small kitchen and a large storage space for books.

The interior of the building will be air-conditioned and

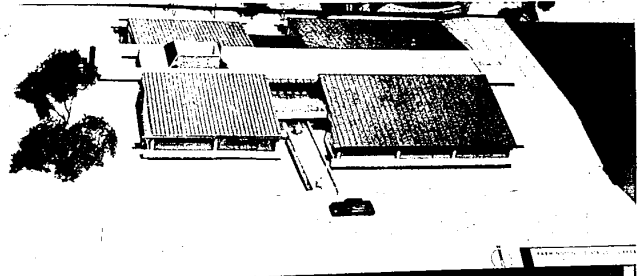
carpeted. If construction bids are lower than expected, heavy traffic areas may be covered with a special brick tile, Bentley said.

**THE ENTRANCE** to the building will be on the south side of the structure.

A road will enter the grounds on the east end of the site and turn south to the parking lot on the south side of the building.

A lane for book return will be at the east end of the building.

Many of the questions from the audience concerned consequences of a higher than expected bid on the project. Bentley pointed out that storage space could be deleted from plans for the basement to save money.



**NEW MODEL** -- The proposed library to be built on 12 Mile Rd. just south of O.E. Dunckel Junior High will be about 10 times the size of the present library in the city. (Evert photo)

## Annexation Injunction Allowed

It's official -- there will be no annexation vote in the Farmington Area until the courts reach a final verdict on the propriety of cityhood petitions for Farmington Township.

As expected, Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem Wednesday morning issued an injunction prohibiting the Oakland County Board of Commissioners from setting any annexation election until the current boundary lawsuits are settled.

**AFTER ISSUING** the injunction, Judge Ziem promised to advance the boundary lawsuits to an early hearing so decision can be reached without unreasonable delays.

Within the next couple of weeks, Ziem will gather attorneys for a pre-trial hearing and then set date for the hearing.

If Ziem does not rule in favor of the township or Future Farmington Association, then the county commissioners can rule on the validity of the petitions filed by Richard Tupper seeking an election to annex the southern half of the township to the City of Farmington.

Ziem has three possible rulings to make on the boundary lawsuits: reject the appeals for a cityhood election; order the Boundary Commission to establish an incorporation election for the township; or, order the Boundary Commission to set a consolidation election for the township.

Parties to the boundary lawsuit include Farmington Township, Future Farmington Association, City of Farmington, Village of Quakertown, and the State Boundary Commission.

**BURTON SHIFFMAN**, special counsel for the city, said he felt the county could have been allowed to rule on the validity of the annexation petitions and proceed to establish an election while Judge Ziem was deciding the case.

Time could then be saved, Shiffman explained, should Ziem's decision allow the county to proceed with the annexation petition.

Shiffman said he respects Ziem's decision and adds the injunction will not cause any unnecessary delay in resolving the entire problem because of the judge's promise to hold a hearing soon.

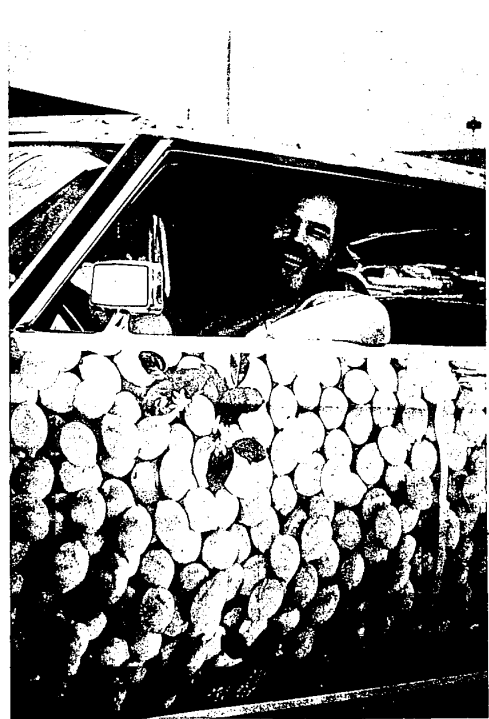
**JOSEPH T. BRENNAN**, Farmington Township attorney, said he was pleased by Ziem's ruling and felt the judge was right from a legal and practical standpoint in issuing the injunction.

Brennan said all legal questions should be settled before anyone starts spending money on elections which may not be allowed later.

"The injunction is not in any way a determination that the annexation petition is or is not a proper request," says Brennan. "It is simply an order to retain the status quo."

Brennan added the situation would have been complicated considerably if Ziem had not issued the injunction.

(a nasty thing to do)



**A LEMON?** -- Norman Harwood of Detroit staged a personal protest in Farmington Wednesday against aggravation. His four-month old luxury automobile has been "\$9,400 worth of aggravation," a sign on the car said. (Evert photo)

By WYLIE GERDES

Students burning banks and breaking windows. Ladies going on hunger strikes.

Farmington has missed some of those harsher forms of protest but a Detroit man staged a one-man campaign against a car Wednesday in a Farmington shopping center.

Farmington High students Tom Cavanaugh and Pete Frieling first noticed an expensive car covered with signs and posters parked on the lot of a local automobile dealer.

**THE SIGNS** on the car read "Poor quality," "Incompetent service," "16 weeks old and six weeks in the shop."

The car was covered with posters from a grocery store which displayed a certain yellow citrus fruit -- the lemon.

Beside the car was a short, balding gentleman with a mustache and mustache. He was giving auto dealer personnel what-for.

The Farmington city police showed up and showed Norman Harwood of Detroit from the auto dealer's property to the parking lot of a nearby shopping center.

Harwood, an electrical contractor, said he was out to give the dealership and Ford Motor Company as much aggravation as they had caused him.

**FROM HARWOOD'S** tale of woe, he has a way to go.

Harwood said the car came from the factory about three weeks after it was to be delivered, causing him to postpone a vacation. When it arrived, the car showed places where the paint had run.

Harwood took it to the dealer, who returned it to the factory to be repainted. He picked up the car again and headed for Arizona.

Somewhere in Ohio, Harwood, says the automobile

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