

obituaries

BEATRICE CARPENTER

Mrs. Carpenter, 84, of California, formerly of Farmington, died May 1. Born in North Hero, Vt., Mrs. Carpenter was the past president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Farmington.

Survivors include her son, William; daughter, Barbara Whitman; three sisters and two brothers; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were May 6 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Beynon of 1st United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Fund.

CHARLES W. ELWELL

Mr. Elwell, 81, of Farmington died May 3.

Born in New York, Mr. Elwell was a retired security guard.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; sons, Bill and Bob; daughter, Ruth McNichols; and five grandchildren.

Services were May 7 in Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Victor H. Mesenbring of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Bur-

ial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia.

DONALD E. FOSTER

Mr. Foster, 84, of Southfield died May 4 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Wisconsin, Mr. Foster was a sheet-metal worker.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; daughters, Beverly Carlson and Shirley Mahler; and five grandchildren.

Services were May 7 in McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Bruce Gunn officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

MARION LORETTA CRONIN

Mrs. Cronin, 75, of Farmington died May 4 in Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Mrs. Cronin was a retired executive secretary for Fisher Body Division of GMC.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; son, John; daughters, Jo Ann Lane, Noreen Clark and Karen Walkuski; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were May 6 in Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Mass was at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Kean D. Cronin and the Rev. Edward Belczak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

ROY A. KUJALA

Mr. Kujala, 71, of Wixom died May 6 in Hujala Nursing Home.

Mr. Kujala was a automotive-production worker. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his sister, Nancy Yogus, and a nephew, Allen Kujala.

Services were May 9 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. V.P. Halboth Sr. of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Wixom Cemetery, Wixom.

ROBERT WILLIAM WHITEFORD

Mr. Whiteford, 58, of Farmington Hills died May 8 in Botsford General Hospital.

Mr. Whiteford was a staff engineer for Detroit Diesel. He received his bachelor of science degree from Tufts School of Engineering in Boston and a master's degree from Wayne State University. After receiving his degrees, he served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; daughters, Sandra Wyatt and Vicki O'Connor; father, William; and a brother, Douglas.

Services were May 12 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, and Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. Leslie F. Harding officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

NEIL B. MACLEAN

Mr. Mac Lean, 83, of Farmington Hills died May 9 in Dorvin Nursing Home, Livonia.

Born in Canada, Mr. Mac Lean was a retired auditor for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; sons, Neil and Alan; six grandchildren.

Services were May 12 in McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Wesley Evans officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

ELAINE A. DOHR

Mrs. Dohr, 53, of Farmington Hills died May 9 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Wisconsin, Mrs. Dohr was a teacher's aide in Cloverdale School, Farmington.

Survivors include her husband, Paul;

sons, Paul, Thomas and James; daughters, Catherine Perham and Susan Van Camp; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jansen; two brothers; one sister; and three grandchildren.

Services were May 10 at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Kean D. Cronin officiating. Burial was in Joseph Cemetery, Appleton, Wis. Memorials may be sent to the Oakland Association for Retarded Citizens or the Special Olympics.

ANNA E. MAKI

Mrs. Maki, 89, of Farmington Hills died May 12 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Maki was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Earl and James; daughters, Jo Ann Adams, Susan Carter, Judith Gross and Wanda Freeman; sister, Elvie Sanford; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were May 17 at St. John American Lutheran Church of Farmington with the Rev. Charles Fox officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were made by Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

JOHN W. HUNT

Mr. Hunt, 84, of Farmington died May 14 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Bristol, England, Mr. Hunt retired from Chevrolet Motor Division

in 1964 after 35 years of service. He was a King Scout (equivalent of Eagle Scout) in one of the first troops founded by Lord Baden Powell. He also served as a tour guide in the Tower of London. He held the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, a special honorary order within Scouting rewarding service. An organizer of the Oakland County Boy Scouts, he was a past president of the Clinton Valley Council of the Scouts. He was known for his fund raising and service activities for Camp Agawam in Lake Orion.

Mr. Hunt was past president of the American Association of Retired Persons of Livonia and helped organize its Farmington chapter. He also was past president of the Rochester Coin Club and the Royal Canadian Legion. He was a member of the Pontiac Elks Lodge 810 and Farmington Chapter No. 219, Order of the Eastern Star, a 32nd degree member of Masonic Lodge 151 in Farmington and a member of the Knights Templar, Northville Consistory.

Survivors include a son, John; daughters, Betty Ernst, Marje Goodman and June Walker; four brothers; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were May 17 at the Church of Nativity, Birmingham. Cremation was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be sent to the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America or the Kidney Foundation.

Farmington sets public hearing date

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington residents will face an almost one-mill increase in local taxes if city officials adopt a proposed \$4.8-million 1983-84 budget.

A public hearing will be at 8 p.m. Monday on the proposed millage increase, the city's 1983-84 proposed budget, as well as suggested uses for approximately \$55,000 in 1983-84 federal shared revenues.

State law, requires City Council members to adopt the new budget by June 6.

Faced with a projected 6-percent in-

crease in next year's operating costs as well as an approximately 2-percent drop in state equalized value (SEV) of property, city officials are recommending an overall .955-mill (per \$1,000 of assessed value) increase. That would raise the 10.785 mills now levied to 11.74 mills in 1983-84.

On a \$50,000 home assessed at \$25,000, your city taxes in 1983-84 would run approximately \$293 under the proposed millage increase.

Although city officials could avoid increasing local taxes, it would be at the expense of seriously affecting the existing level of public safety (police and fire) and public works services (garbage collections, sidewalks and winter street maintenance, for example) now provided by the city, said City Manager Robert Deadman.

THE PROPOSED millage increase can be broken down into two components: a .395-mill increase in operating millage and a .56-mill increase in the debt service millage. That translates into an operating millage increase from the existing 10.105 to 10.50 and a debt service millage increase from the current .68-mill to 1.24 mills.

The proposed increase in the debt service millage is due to the city's two planned drain projects: the Caddell Drain Project and another in a 88-acre parcel southwest of Farmington Road and Grand River. The debt service millage would be used to increase the funding for bonds that will be issued to pay for the two projects, Deadman said.

Although the tax increase appears

likely in light of the projected increased costs of doing business and a drop in local tax revenues, Deadman said city officials have maintained a fairly stable tax rate since the late 1970s — between 10 and 12 mills — because property assessments in Farmington have increased. The recommended millage rate for 1983-84 is still lower than the 11.74 mills levied in 1979-80, he added.

But this year there has been an almost 2-percent drop in "community-wide" assessed value and an average 4-percent drop in residential property, Deadman said.

So while faced with anticipated increased expenditures in 1983-84, the decrease in total SEV gives the city fewer dollars for each mill levied, he said.

Because a local tax increase alone is insufficient to offset the city's projected financial pinch, city officials also are recommending using about \$147,000 in reserve funds to help balance the 1983-84 \$4.8-million budget.

City officials also suggest using the expected \$55,000 in 1983-84 federal shared revenues to offset the costs of salaries for public safety officers.

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