

today's hot line

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Late Papers

Owing to mechanical difficulties at our contract printing plant, today's Farmington Enterprise & Observer may be delivered late to you. We regret this delay.

Tragic Ending

Mayor's Exchange Day festivities in Farmington were abruptly cut off Monday when the wife of the visiting mayor learned of the death of her father.

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New JC Leader

The Farmington Area Jaycees have elected a new president for 1970. Their new leader, Frank Hill, was a leader of a consolidation movement on the western side of the state besides being a past chairman of the Farmington Founders Festival.

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A Repeated Service

The special trash pickup in Farmington Township is continuing. Once again as a public service, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer provides you a map showing the dates of pickups for each section. Clip it for reference.

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Population Policy

Is over-population a danger? What should a U.S. senator do about it? Would the father of eight and the mother of four encourage their children to limit their families? In an exclusive story, Observer Newspapers quizzed the three candidates for senator from Michigan and got answers that will surprise you. See Regional Affairs.

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Your Letters

A University of Michigan vice president replies to an editorial... A mother who wanted an abortion tells of a woman's "emotional hell"... A teacher gives an eyewitness account of police brutality... A taxpayer talks about golf course fees. You write the most interesting letters!

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City OKs Tax Reduction, Record Operating Budget

By VICTOR OMELCZENKO

The tax rate for the City of Farmington is going down from nine to 8.5 mills (\$8.50 per \$1,000 valuation) for fiscal year 1970-71 which begins July 1.

The reduction, which won city council approval Thursday night, will help offset the rising state equalized value factor applied by the Oakland County Equalization Board.

However, when tax bills for 70-71 arrive, City of Farmington residents will pay more in actual dollars.

LAST YEAR, a resident with a home selling for \$30,000 would have paid \$135 in city taxes based on the nine-mill levy.

With the 5.5% reduction in the millage rate, however, the same homeowner will now pay \$144 - still a higher figure because of the 13% increase in the value of his home applied by the state.

But if council hadn't lowered the millage rate, the same homeowner would have had to pay \$153 under the nine-mill levy.

Even with the reduction, local property taxes will provide the city \$41,600 (or 9%) more revenue than during the current budget year.

IN OTHER ACTION council approved 5-0 a \$904,000 budget for 1970-71.

As proposed, the budget had been only \$901,000, but council added \$3,000 to its welfare contribution for a drug abuse program in Farmington. The program will be sponsored by the public schools, county, township and city.

Included in the budget are recommended pay hikes of 7½-10% for city employees, a new radio system for the Public Safety Department and capital improvements for the Public Works Department.

"The budget reflects a sizable increase in state revenues as a result of the change in population of Farmington," said Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton.

The projected state-returned revenues for '70-71 will be based on the new 1970 census. Since 1960, Farmington's population has grown from around 7,000 to an estimated 12,000.

The city will have an estimated \$73,000 more coming from the state than last year.

However, this money will not be available until April 1971, after the census figures have been certified. But the '70-71 budget still counts on getting these additional funds.

"It's obvious that we'll have to watch expenditures, over and above salaries and the things we must do, so that we'll have money to pay our way," said Mayor Brotherton.

He mentioned the city could be \$45,000 to \$60,000 short in the first few months on the basis of the yet-to-come state-returned revenues.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan added that only conservative estimates were used in calculating the amount of money the city hoped to receive from the state.

The council also voted 4-1 for placing a question on councilman compensation on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. The salaries of councilmen and the mayor would rise from \$500 to \$900 per year.

"It's been six years since the salaries were reviewed," said Dinan. "Five hundred dollars in 1964 is worth about \$300 in 1970," he added.

"I think it's proper and fitting to put the question on the ballot for the people to decide," said Councilman Ralph D. Yoder.

THE RESOLUTION was opposed by Brotherton. "The increase won't attract a higher caliber of individual to the council," said the mayor. "I think it's already attracted the highest caliber possible."

"You can't really put in dollars and cents what a councilman is worth," he continued.

"Psychologically, it's a bad time," said Brotherton about putting the issue on a ballot. "People are unemployed, people are concerned with inflation, a depression."

"Maybe a year from now conditions will be different," he concluded.



WINNER—Mrs. Kenneth Cheyne won a first prize in the Hill and Dale Garden Club's flower show in the Farmington Community Center with her arrangement for breakfast for two. Pictured (left) are Mrs. H.D. Comp, club president, and Mrs. Frederick Blunton, show chairman. (Evert photo)



BEAUTY—Bette Gobeille admires Mrs. John Passfield's first award flower arrangement at the Hill and Dale Garden Club's flower show in the Farmington Community Center. Included in the arrangement were red and gold flowers and boxwood displayed on a gold table cloth with brown china (Evert photo)



MEDLEY—Mrs. Rosanne Malarek was attracted to this arrangement at the Hill and Dale Garden Club's flower show in the Farmington Community Center because of her love of antiques. Mrs. John D. Norton received honorable mention for her combination of daisies and foliage with a brass kettle and brass and copper box. (Evert photo)

Honored At Breakfast

22 Businesses Receive Beautification Awards

Twenty-two Keep Farmington Beautiful certificates of merit were awarded to Farmington area businesses May 16 at the second annual awards presentation sponsored by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee.

The presentation was sponsored in cooperation with Consumers Power Company, Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary, City of Farmington and Henney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Certificates of merit were presented during the Community Pride Breakfast, planned by Mrs. Paul Kozub, chairman, and held in the Massie Temple. The breakfast was also the kick-off for Michigan Week celebrations in Farmington.

BREAKFAST ACTIVITIES began with the invocation given by the Rev. Charles Fox of the St. John American Lu-

theran Church and the pledge of allegiance led by Susie Cantor of Girl Scout Troop 414.

Guest speaker, William R. Clogg, Michigan Week chairman, spoke briefly about the background of Michigan Week and activities of each day.

The beautification committee chairman, Mrs. John Richardson, summarized several of the group's outstanding past accomplishments and future plans.

Three awards in the apart-

ment category went to Brookdale Apartments represented by Mrs. Ann Browner; Farmington West Apartments represented by Bernie Dickman and Don Campbell; and Kensington Manor Apartments.

Two auto service facility awards were presented to Clark Super 100 Service Station at 9 Mile and Farmington Road and T J's Mobil Service Station.

The 10 businesses receiving awards were: Burger King, represented by H. Bloedow and Jack Ullman; Decor Suburban Paint & Wallpaper Co. represented by John Schuapeter; First Farmington Savings & Loan represented by William Bliss; First Federal Savings of Detroit-Farmington Office, represented by William Flattery; and Henney-Sundquist Funeral Home, represented by Walter Sundquist.

Also: Lawrence Mayer Flo-

rist, represented by Lawrence Mayer; Michigan Osteopathic Assoc., represented by Stanley Burzynski; Farmington Parish Credit Union, represented by Leon Zack and Francis Nichols; National Bank of Detroit-Farmington Branch, represented by Donald Kadar; and Oak Hill Nursing Home, represented by James Knight.

THE INDUSTRIAL category brought five winners: Chesley Industries, Inc., represented by Robert Chesley, Mechanical Manufacturing, Inc., represented by Roger Caldwell; Snap-On Tools, Tel-X Corp., and Wolverine Flexographic Manufacturing Co.

The Grand River-Lakeview Branch of the National Bank of Detroit, represented by Mrs. Ruby Whitacre received the award in the renovation and improvement category.

In the special category an

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