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\$6 Million Addition Underway

Botsford Hospital Expanding

Plans have been announced for a \$6 million expansion of Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Township. It will result in an addition of 100 beds when completed in June 1972.

The 100-bed addition is a phase in the growth plans laid out for Botsford which eventually will see the hospital reach a 400-bed capacity with an outpatient clinic and expanded emergency clinic.

PLANS FOR THE addition have already cleared through the Zoning Board of Appeals of Farmington Township and the hospital is now in the process of obtaining a building permit.

Construction should start with a week, according to Seymour Cantor, the chief administrator of Botsford Hospital.

The extra 100 beds are a must, says Cantor, because the hospital is now "experiencing a waiting list of between 60-75 patients at most times and must prolong the admittance or turn away persons in need of immediate medical care."

Before announcing the expansion, Cantor had to go

through channels and receive approvals from the Greater Detroit Hospital Council, Blue Cross and the federal agency administering the Hill-Burton grant program for hospital construction.

WHEN THE ADDITION IS COMPLETED, Botsford will have a total capacity of 300 beds or an increase of 33 percent in patient capacity from its present 200 beds.

Cantor said he expects groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Monday, Oct. 19.

The main part of the expansion is a three-story building, which will be constructed on the present parking lot in front south of the hospital.

A corridor will connect the three-story addition to the five-story tower, which now stands at the east wing of Botsford.

Two smaller additions will be attached to the north side of the hospital plant. The additions will total 80,000 square feet.

The extra beds will be mostly semi-private but there will be some private and one ward per floor.

THE EXPANSION is being financed without the aid of federal grants.

Cantor explained there has not been and will not be any Hill-Burton funds available this year for hospital construction.

The \$6 million price tag amounts to a cost of \$60,000 per bed. Cantor described it as very economical considering the escalation in cost and added expense for more sophisticated hospital equipment.

"This building was planned for future expansion," explained Cantor, "and so our cost for this addition is not as great proportionately as another addition to a hospital would be or a hospital built from scratch."

When Botsford was planned in the early sixties, Cantor says, the original sewer was made large enough to service a hospital with 400 beds even though Botsford opened in January 1965 with only 200 beds.

The electrical and water intake lines and telephone conduit were also laid in place

based on what would be required for a 400-bed hospital, he added.

In addition, some 15 acres were originally purchased for future expansion, and so the cost of land is not a current expense included in the \$6 million expansion.

THE PLANNING for Botsford started in 1962, ground was broken in July 1963, and the hospital was occupied in January 1965.

The township site for Botsford, Cantor explains, was

approved by Greater Detroit Hospital Council to establish a location close to the end of I-96 expressway.

The overall plan called for general hospitals to be located along I-96 from Detroit to Grand Rapids with Botsford being the mid-point, between Detroit and Lansing.

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak now has 700 beds and St. Mary in Livonia has 300 with a 150-bed expansion now under way, said Cantor while placing the 100-bed Botsford expansion

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Grigger Dies
A member of the football team of North Farmington High School, Gregory P. Bobenage, died early Thursday morning as a result of injuries sustained resulting from a motorcycle accident. A report on the freakish accident in Kendallwood Subdivision, Farmington Township, is given inside.
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Extending Services
George Vondrak, DPW director for the City of Farmington, explains what services could be provided residents of the southern portion of Farmington should annexation pass Nov. 3. Vondrak also talks about financing and how soon services could be extended. Daniel's Den today discusses whether or not morality should be taught in public schools.
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Topps, Nolan & Glass
A new department store has opened in Farmington Township, Tom Nolan denies he'll be a spare-time township official if elected treasurer, and the Community Center is about to launch a discovery series featuring a glass blower and potter. These are the news stories inside the weekend issue of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.
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Bond In Town
Schoolcraft College, which has been making a name for itself in the cultural area, inaugurated its 1970-71 series with a big-name lecturer — Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond, a black man with some ideas on "colonialism" and his race. Betty Masson was there to hear him.
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On The Trail
In every spare moment, a Schoolcraft College trustee has been touring the state to round up votes in his bid for the State Board of Education. So Roving Editor Dennis L. Pajot followed Dr. Robert Geake with camera and notebook.
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Decisions, Decisions
Since it's still impossible to be in two places at the same time, concert-goers are going to have to make a decision this weekend. Both the Redford and Plymouth Symphonies are opening their seasons Sunday. We have the facts.
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ENTHUSIASM MAKES ONE NEWSPAPER DIFFERENT FROM ANOTHER

Read this enthusiastic difference on today's Entertainment pages



CATCHING UP—Earl Teeple is catching up on work at home after taking a leave of absence as detective sergeant in the Farmington Township Police Dept. Teeple also plans to hammer it out on the campaign trail, since he is now free to engage in political activity. (Evert photo)

Teeple Takes Leave From Police Work

Detective Sgt. Earl Teeple, supervisor-elect, told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer Wednesday he has applied for and received a leave of absence from the Farmington Township Police Force.

He said the action came in direct response to an order issued Monday night by the Farmington Township Board.

Trustees ruled that Teeple must either resign or apply for a leave of absence from the Police Department within 24 hours or risk suspension without pay should he remain a candidate for supervisor, a violation of the police manual.

Police Chief Irving Yakes said Teeple came into his office about 8 p.m. Tuesday with a letter requesting the leave.

"As far as I know," Yakes said, "the action frees Teeple

from fear of suspension or other punitive measures for engaging in political activity while still a police officer."

LOUIS REBECK, write-in candidate opposing Teeple for supervisor, resigned from the township's auxiliary police force one day after announcing his candidacy Oct. 5, according to his campaign manager William Flattery.

Teeple won the Republican nomination in the Aug. 4 primary. Rebeck also is a Republican.

Teeple's request read in part:

"It is my feeling that the action taken by you (Chief Yakes) and the members of the board will result in decreased efficiency, preparation and prosecution of many

criminal matters currently assigned to me.

For these deficiencies, lack of preparation and prosecution, I can therefore bear no responsibility."

Teeple called the whole situation "a hell of a mess." He said it would be impossible to follow up all the cases that would be piled up by the time he came back to work Nov. 4.

"The chief also told me to take my vacation the following two weeks, which would leave me two days to finish up all those cases before I take office Nov. 20," Teeple said.

Teeple stated the chief telephoned him early in the afternoon of Oct. 13 saying the board had instructed him to request Teeple's resignation or leave of absence.

"ACTUALLY, the board said

it was the chief's responsibility to take punitive action only if I didn't resign or turn in a request for leave of absence within 24 hours.

"But he claims the board got on his back to ask for the request personally," Teeple said.

Teeple speculated about a comparison between Thomas Nolan, trustee running for township treasurer, and himself. "Why is it Nolan can say he'll keep a full time job and work part time as treasurer and Teeple can't?"

Now that, Earl Teeple will have much "spare time" on his hands, the supervisor-elect said he will go out to meet the public, actively campaigning and speaking out on "things I've had to keep quiet about for a long time."

Teenage Runaways Fill 'Missing Person' File

By LYNNE LUTHER

Juvenile runaways are becoming "more and more of a problem" to Farmington Township Police with over a dozen reported missing within the last two weeks.

Cpl. Norman Stalbrook of the juvenile office said the majority of runaways — numbering over 50 since January — are girls.

"In the past two years," he said, "about 70% of runaways were girls and 30% boys."

Stalbrook said most runaways are teens who fall in the 14-17 year old age group and he explains their actions this way:

"I CAN'T easily put my finger on why so many run away, but it seems like more than a few hundred dollars at most and others managing with merely the clothes on their backs.

"I wouldn't say any of them are really hooked on dope and nearly everybody comes home

and Toronto, Canada "where most of the hippie communities are located and the kids can live for nothing," Cpl. Stalbrook speculated.

Most withdraw their life savings prior to taking off, with some carrying not more than a few hundred dollars at most and others managing with merely the clothes on their backs.

"I wouldn't say any of them are really hooked on dope and nearly everybody comes home

within three weeks to a month," said the Corporal.

"Many times girls run off to get married without realizing their marriages are illegal because they're underage."

Only two boys were reported missing within the past two weeks, and these were "friends" of the missing girls.

Latest entry in the "missing person" files is Pattie Hines, 15, of 2165 Middlebelt, Farmington, a five feet, two-inch 130-pound blue-eyed blond. She was last seen Oct. 9 wearing black bell bottomed slacks, a long-sleeved red blouse, and white jacket with a blue stripe and road runner emblem on the left side.

ALSO REPORTED missing Oct. 9 was Barbara Frederick, also 15, of 3328 Rhoadwood Dr., Farmington Township.

She is described as five feet, seven inches tall, weighing 120 pounds, with medium length brown hair, blue eyes, and wearing black rimmed glasses.

Another 15-year-old runaway, Debra Klatt, of 2350 Middle Belt, Farmington, was reported missing Oct. 8.

She is five feet, three inches tall, 115 pounds, and has straight blond hair and blue eyes, last seen wearing striped brown bell bottomed slacks and a brown suede jacket. Police said this was her third runaway attempt.



PROPER PURLING PERSPECTIVE—Mrs. Nancy Puzsar demonstrates proper technique for the beginning knitter. The knitting class of which Mrs. Puzsar is a member is new to the roster of some 57 classes with a total enrollment of 793 being offered by Farmington School District this fall. (Evert photo)

An Editorial Community Must Renew Its Faith

By EMORY DANIELS

For the past 90 days, the local and Detroit newspapers have carried headlines on news stories about a variety of problems besetting the Farmington Township Police Department.

Each news report was about a separate event, and the coverage over the past three months was fragmented at best.

"Spot" news reporting cannot be avoided, but it does not preclude attempts to place a number of related stories together in an attempt to explain "What is Happening?" No recommendation will be offered.

But a look should be taken at the problems within the police department which go beyond the surface reports of brutality charges, Earl Teeple's trial board hearing a year ago, sec-

ond degree murder charges, the blue flu, and mustaches.

THE VERY FIRST observation to be made is that Farmington Township has a fine police force, well-equipped and manned, and bolstered by a majority of hard-working, sincere, dedicated officers.

That is a point which may not be understood by outsiders or appreciated by residents during a time when the department has come under attack.

But the excellence of the force has not prevented the department from having some very serious problems. The township police force is in trouble and the turmoil in the locker room is causing divisions among the men.

There probably is not a single man on the township police force who today would not readily admit there is a seri-

ous morale problem with the department.

THAT MORALE problem may have existed a year or 18 months ago, but it is a much greater problem today and much more difficult to cope with.

When a morale problem is not dealt with, dissension grows and solution becomes much more difficult to obtain. This problem has been nurtured and fed for many months and now approaches goliath proportions.

Before examining the problem, another observation should be made. Over a year ago, this newspaper observed that the main trouble with the township force was that it is institutionalized.

We believe that observation still holds true. The department

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