

today's hot line

PLYMOUTH—Gerald J. Remus, general manager of the Detroit Department of Water Supply, which furnishes water to all of Observlerland with the exception of the City of Plymouth, told the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, "If water becomes a political playing, then it will cost much more than it should." Remus' department supplies water to 46 per cent of the state's populace and supplies sewage disposal to 40 per cent of Michigan residents.

PLYMOUTH—Anchor Coupling Co., of Plymouth, and Local 408, United Auto Workers, which represents the company's 230 hourly workers, reached agreement on a three-year contract after a nine-day work stoppage. The contract was ratified Thursday and employees returned to jobs Friday.

LIVONIA—A record turnout of voters is predicted for the general election on Nov. 5 by Livonia City Clerk Addison W. Bacon. He anticipates long-lines of voters throughout the day, extending well past the polls' closing time of 8 p.m. Bacon explained that the large number of voters and the many issues on the ballot would account for the bottleneck.

LIVONIA—The Livonia Board of Education will meet Monday night to discuss and study the defeat of the four-mill tax boost at the special election Sept. 30. The Board indicated it does not plan any immediate action to put a new millage request on the ballot.

LIVONIA—The question of how to build and how to finance housing for senior citizens of Livonia remains unsolved. Two motions, to reconsider action last week to place a general obligation bond issue on the ballot, were approved by City Councilmen and subsequently tabled until a special meeting at 10 p.m. Tuesday. The Council indicated it wanted to continue study of the turnkey method of construction and financing.

REDFORD—Five persons, one a juvenile girl, were discovered in an apartment motel room marijuana party Friday when township police went after a Detroit House of Correction escapee.

REDFORD—Former State Representative Harvey J. Beadle, D-Redford, favors county home rule under an amendment to the state constitution, rather than by charter. He told an audience this week he thinks the new 26-man board of supervisors, for which he is a candidate, should seek the amendment.

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Police: Spray Lethal To Teen Sniffers

Suburban police today warned that teenagers have started using innocent-looking gases, often used in the home, in their latest quest for thrills.

Police warn that the use of these gases can lead to critical brain and physical damage — and to death.

The Observer Newspapers assigned Roving Editor W. W. Edgar to survey the problem in area cities and townships to better present the problem — and the warning — to parents. Here is his report:

By W. W. EDGAR

That innocent looking can of Instant Ice you have seen on the shelves of your favorite wine shop or party store has become of deep concern to the officials in the juvenile divisions of the police departments in Observlerland.

Originally designed to aid Mine Host in the

preparation of mixed drinks for cocktail parties in the home, by chilling the glasses for martinis or providing an ice ring around the rim for such exotic drinks as the Mexican Marguerita, Instant Ice now is being used by the teen-agers for "kicks."

So great has been the run on the innocent looking product that many business establishments have stopped its sale—just as protection against being accused of aiding and abetting the teen-agers in the use of drugs and narcotics.

SO STRONG HAS the practice of the teenagers become that the drug association has sent out a warning and the police departments in all areas of Suburbia have been warned.

According to this warning the following information is contained in the latest book on drugs and narcotics:

"The contents of Instant Ice preparations for chilling cocktail glasses are 'Freon' or similar compounds. They cause confusion, lung irritation, tremors and coma.

"There has been at least one authenticated death. Concentrations of only 20 per cent are capable of producing the above effects."

According to the officials, teen-agers make use of the material very simply. They empty the contents of the pressurized can into a bag or the balloon and then sniff it. Others just spray it on a piece of cloth and sniff.

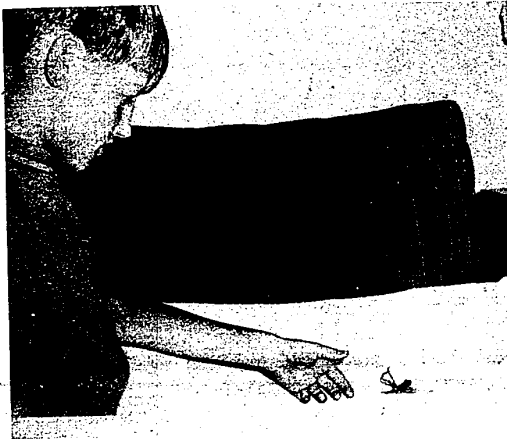
This has a tendency to shut off the supply of oxygen to the brain and could cause suffocation.

"The first we heard of Instant Ice," Cpl. Oliver Gallagher, of the Redford Township Police Department, said, "was about a month ago at a meeting of the International Juvenile Officers' Association.

"AT THAT SESSION, representatives of the Ann Arbor Police told us about the latest stunt being used by teen-agers-for-kicks."

"We alerted all of our stores, but, thus far no cases have been reported."

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FREDDIE — A six-legged frog found by Bob McCallum swims in circles but hops just like any other frog.

Loch Ness?—

Frog All Thumbs

By DAVID SARTIN

If you've ever thought you were all thumbs, imagine what it would be like as a frog and all legs—you'd swim in a circle.

Bob McCallum, 10-year-old fifth grader at Ten Mile Elementary, found a six-legged frog in a back water pond of the Rouge River two Saturdays ago. The extra pair of legs are mounted upside-down just above the normal rear legs.

"They're sort of on the left side of his back, so they stir him in circles," Bob said.

"Freddie," the frog, swims in

three-foot circles, but hops just like any other frog.

Bob, who has taken Freddie to see his class, said the amphibian isn't really particular about what he eats—"as long as it's flies."

Bob said that he once gave Freddie raw hamburger, but he wouldn't be fooled twice.

The McCallum family, of 24107 Twin Valley Court, plans to take the three-inch frog to a nature center.

Bob's brothers and sisters, Laurie, 14, Heidi, 13, and John, 8, have had a baby robin, a six-year-old guinea pig, a parakeet and numerous stray dogs and cats.



AT EASE — Airman Neil Davis, 34016 Rhonwood, Farmington, takes a siesta in the cage meant for mail bags that are to be helicoptered to the hospital ship, USS Repose. Davis is a member of the Combat Cargo Team aboard the 7th Fleet Amphibious Force helicopter carrier, USS Tripoli, now serving off the coast of South Vietnam.

City-Township Extend Area Moratorium To After MSU Study

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Farmington's hiatus on annexation and incorporation moves will be extended for a six month period following the release of the Michigan State University study on future development.

The study is expected to be released in November. Agreement to extending the moratorium on activity came Monday night during a joint session of the Farmington Township Board, the Farmington City Council, and the Village Councils of Wood Creek Farms and Quakerstown.

The moratorium extension had been requested by the township officials in order to provide the necessary time for the citizens to digest the study. The study was commissioned

early this year by the Future Farmington Area Study Committee (FFASC). Actually the MSU team is working for the study committee, but all four governmental units are helping to underwrite the costs.

Members of the executive committee of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee were also present at Monday's session.

IN ADDITION to the moratorium the four governmental units agreed to hold a joint meeting with the study committee and MSU representatives to review the report in detail.

The entire report will not be made public until after this closed-door session. Members of the four governmental units also agreed to name two representatives from each area to form a committee to analyze and evaluate the report.

This committee is expected to make recommendations on the alternatives for future development for the four governmental bodies final decision.

In addition to the MSU study the township officials have hired consultant Donald Oakes to study the future development of the township. This study will be released at the same time as the MSU report.

MEMBERS of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee are representatives of the Farmington Board of Commerce, the Farmington League of Women Voters, the Farmington Jaycees and representatives of each of the governmental units.

The committee was formed more than a year ago following a period of activity which saw two attempts at annexation by the city and an incorporation attempt by the township. Following the formation of the FFASC, but before the MSU study was commissioned, the township voters turned thumbs down on another incorporation proposal.

Officially the committee has

taken no position on the merits of any of the possible alternatives.

The main alternatives include:

- Consolidation of city, township and two villages into one governmental unit.
- Incorporation of the township and two villages into a separate city (the first incorporation proposal).
- Incorporation of the township—excluding the villages into a city (the second incorporation proposal).
- Annexation by the city of part of the township which would provide additional room for expansion by the city and the development of additional tax base.

There are other possibilities involving sections of the area, but these four are the most commonly cited.

ALL FOUR governmental units agreed early this year to refrain from moving toward any of these areas and to use its influence to keep any individual citizens or groups from taking any action while the study was being conducted.

Monday's action extends this stance for six months after the release of the study.

If the six month period begins in November it will include the seating of three new officials on the township board in January and the upcoming city election in April.

That there will be three new township trustees in January was assured when none of the incumbent seeking reelection survived the August primary.

Republican candidates on the board are: Margaret McLeffer; Charles Williams; and Frederick Lichtman. The Democratic seeking election are: Joyce Hungerford; Allan Sulzhan; and William Hatton.

Three city councilmen will face the voters in April. They are: Mayor William V. Brochert; Councilman John Allen; and Councilman Howard Thayer.

Schools Need Drivers

Farmington School District is in need of additional bus drivers and driver substitutes. Drivers on established runs are guaranteed three hours of work per day.

A fleet of 58 vehicles transports the district's 9,078 school children. This includes two vans for use of the special education department and buses used to carry students of the three local parochial schools.

Bus driving jobs provide part time employment for a number of area housewives. They also are an opportunity for retirees to spend part of their day in useful activity. College students over 21 find bus driving a means of supplementing their incomes.

Drivers must be 21 years of age and have a chauffeur's license. Application may be made with John Greenover, bus supervisor, at 414-0091.

Police Seek New Range Site

A zoning ordinance waiver permitting construction of a pistol shooting range at Nine Mile Rd. and Brookside has been refused by the City of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals.

The special exception permit was turned down at the Oct. 2 public hearing after residents complained of possible noise nuisances, devalued property and shooting hazards.

The Farmington Department of Public Safety had applied for the permit to build a pistol range for use by city officers.

The Enterprise & Observer said the city is looking for a new location for the range. "We're looking into city-owned industrial property," Dignan said.

Property near the Department of Public Works Building on Nine Mile Rd. is being investigated, he said.

"We've also decided to try to build a completely enclosed range," Dignan said.

"It'll have to be something like a three-phase program, because it would be too expensive to build all at once."

Weapons Charge For Youth

A Redford Township youth has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon in Farmington Township.

Jay J. Smietcinski, 17, of 18668 Semiole, was arraigned before Farmington Township Justice Byron Water late Sept. 30. He stood mute and was freed on \$100 personal bond, pending examination Oct. 18.

Smietcinski was arrested at Eight Mile and Orchard Lake Rd., at 5:30 a.m., when police found a .22-cal. revolver in the car he was driving. Police said.

Two companions were also arrested, but formal charges were not entered due to insufficient evidence, police said.



DELUGE PUMP — City of Farmington Public Safety Officers practice with new high pressure apparatus during Fire Prevention Week (Sept. 29 to Oct. 6). Special pump provides water stream up to 100 yards for long distance firefighting.

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