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## DiPonio Arrested

The arrest of Oakland County Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry and his former deputy, James R. Nichols, has been followed by the arrest of Livonia contractor Angelo DiPonio on two charges, bribery and conspiracy to bribe. A report on Barry's arrest and a summary of the more recent arrest of DiPonio can be found inside.

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## More Letters

A number of controversies brewing in the Farmington area have prompted letters to the editor from our readers. Local subjects discussed by readers this week include the proposed regional retail center and the bias of some against the physically handicapped.

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## Farmington Graduates

Each year more and more high school graduates in Farmington enroll in college and the list of college graduates in subsequent years also increases. Today's edition is devoted to reporting the many, but not all, graduates from colleges and universities who live in Farmington.

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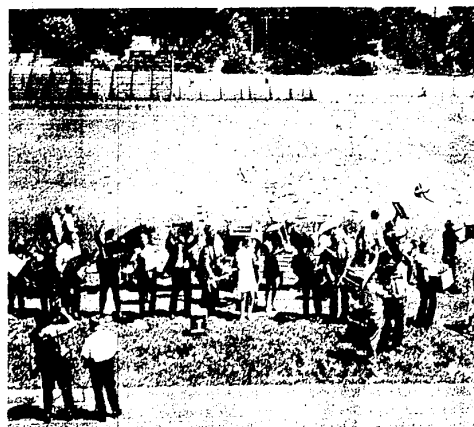
## Rock Or Bach

Whether you prefer rock or chamber music, there's something to your taste on this week. We have the details on our Amusements page.

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# Township Appoints Newing Building Department Head



**PIGEON RACE** — The pigeons are shown here being released by the crowd of Detroit area radio-television celebrities who participated in the 1970 Farmington Founders Festival Pigeon Derby. This year's pigeon race will be held Thursday, July 22, at 1 p.m. on the athletic field of Farmington Senior High.

## Pigeon Race Coming Again On July 22

With training camp about to break up, and elimination heats completed, about 200 racing pigeons are ready for the trip north to Farmington for the seventh annual Farmington Founders Festival International Pigeon Derby. The pigeons, owned by Dr. John Stopa of Belleville, are in shape for the aerial race back home but sport fans will have to wait until the day of the big derby to see if the celebrities who'll release the birds are conditioned.

THE PIGEON race will be held Thursday, July 22, at 1 p.m. on the athletic field of Farmington Senior High on Shiuwassee between Power and Orchard Lake Rds.

The field will be opened at noon for spectators and the first 100 children there will receive free helium-filled balloons as derby souvenirs. The balloons will be released

just prior to the beginning of the race. Although none of the balloons will probably make it to Belleville, all of the 200 pigeons are expected to make the 35-mile journey with the winner tripping the stopwatch at some time under two hours.

CELEBRITIES on hand to release the birds will be introduced to spectators before the race starts and will gather for a luncheon after the race in the Danish Inn.

At the luncheon, names of the winning pigeons will be announced and trophies will be presented, including the usual apt trophy given to the loser.

Invited to race pigeons are radio and television personalities from the Detroit area with celebrities being drawn from these categories: newscasters, entertainers, including disc jockeys,

weathercasters, and sportscasters.

Each celebrity will be assigned a particular bird with "jockeys" meeting their birds the day of the derby.

RADIO STATION WJLD of Garden City is the defending champion of last year's derby which saw some 85 pigeons released by dignitaries.

The defending champions have designated July as Farmington month and are running spot announcements about Farmington's history each day throughout the month.

Runnersup preparing to give WJLD a serious challenge this year include weathercaster Sonny Elliot, sports-caster Van Patrick, disc jockey Jimmy Lannce and weathercaster Jim Smith.

Last year, three television stations were at FIS to telecast the race which has grown in popularity among celebrities and spectators each year.

THE DERBY IS co-sponsored by the Thompson-Brown Co., Sanderson Realty Co. and the Danish Inn. Derby chairman is Hideo Cameron of Thompson-Brown who is also Festival vice-chairman in charge of special events.

Stopa, owner of the birds, is a Belleville chiropractor who has a national reputation in the pigeon racing field. Stopa, who has raced pigeons as far away as Louisiana, says many of his racers are priceless. "Although he has turned down offers to purchase, including \$1,000 for a single racer, Stopa has loaned his birds on occasion for breeding purposes.

Purpose of the pigeon derby is to promote the Founders Festival, which will be held the week after the big race, during July 23, 30, 31. Highlights of the three-day festival will include fireworks, road rally, a skydiving exhibition, queen's contest, band concerts and the big parade Saturday morning. New additions to the festival include a mini marathon footrace and a hole-in-one contest.

Charles Newing of 23887 Wesley, Farmington, has been appointed administrative head of the building department for Farmington Township.

Screening of candidates narrowed the applicants down to three top choices and Newing received the appointment Monday night by unanimous choice of the township board.

Before appointing Newing, however, the board discussed the possibility of eliminating full-time inspector positions in the building department and subcontracting the work on a per-job basis.

Trustee Fred Lichtman said the director should be hired now because he will still be needed to supervise if the suggested reorganization is done.

NEWING WAS recommended for appointment by Supervisor Earl Teeples and confirmed by a 6-0 vote with trustee L. David Stader absent.

Most candidates held university degrees, Teeples said, and have had considerable experience in the field.

Newing is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, holds a degree in civil engineering and is a registered civil engineer.

He is accustomed to taking command of large numbers of men, Teeples says, having developed a training course for the Corps of Engineers for the U.S. Government using slides to develop programs indicating violations of codes plus good building practices.

At one time, Newing was in charge of over 400 building inspectors for the government. For years he was in

charge of construction of all fields in Michigan, including runways, building and utility installation.

He was responsible for the correct building of theaters, hospitals and all the other types of buildings found on a typical air base. Teeples adds, including Selfridge Air Base in Mt. Clemens.

Newing comes to the township with a background of work in the U.S. Forest Service, Corps of Engineers and, most recently, as a specification writer for the architectural firm of Giffels and Rosselli of Detroit. He is married and has two children.

The board has tentatively agreed on the salary figure of \$13,000 which will be confirmed when the township's operating budget for 1971-72 is formally adopted.

THE SUGGESTION to reorganize the building department was made by Lichtman while the board was discussing what to do about the arbitration ruling concerning Glen Sallow, a former electrical inspector for the township.

The arbitrator has ordered the township to post the job of electrical inspector, give Sallow the chance to apply and pay back wages should he qualify for the post.

Lichtman expressed objections to the arbitrator's ruling because he felt consideration was not given to the fact that Sallow is and has been working as electrical inspector for the City of Northville.

Lichtman said this fact was apparently ignored by the arbitrator. "How can one man work full-time for two municipalities in any one day?" he asked.

Teeples quoted an opinion

from Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, that the ruling meant if Sallow wanted the job he should be given it and if the township doesn't need two electrical inspectors, then Rex Jerriegan, present electrical inspector, should be laid off.

LICHTMAN SAID the township's labor contract with the building department called for inspectors to work full time for the township and Sallow is bound by that contract.

Teeples reported that Sallow has earned close to \$5,000 in the past five months for inspections he has made for Northville.

Lichtman asked if the board could refuse to renege Sallow on the basis that he has violated the contract by working full time for another municipality.

Sallow was supposed to have been employed on a part-time, fill-in basis before Jerriegan was hired, Lichtman continued, but the arbitrator declared him a full time employee because he was a member of the inspector's union.

By the arbitrator's definition, he added, Sallow was a full time employee with the township at the time he was also working for Northville and thus violated the contract during this period. Jerriegan is now employed part-time as electrical inspector in the City of Farmington.

Teeples reported that if a settlement is made the township would owe Sallow about \$5,000 in back pay plus giving him his job back. The supervisor added that Sallow is willing not to apply for the job in lieu of a higher cash

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## Police Chief Will Be Made Captain

By EMORY C. DANIELS  
It was made known in a rather quiet manner Monday night that Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes will soon be "demoted" to the rank of captain.

The "demotion" will be accomplished by amendments to the township's police and fire ordinance but the result for Yakes will be a change in titles from chief of police to police captain.

AS CAPTAIN, Yakes will be the second highest ranking officer next to the director of public safety. The directorship was created a few months back by the township board and the position is expected to be filled by mid-August.

Plans to change the titles were discussed by Trustee Earl Oppertbauer Monday night before the board voted to table consideration of the police and fire ordinance amendment which creates the public safety directorship.

Yakes is not immediately available for comment because he is attending a police chiefs convention this week.

THE BOARD'S police and fire committee is still screening candidates and is in the final stages of selecting an applicant to recommend to the board for hiring. Monday night, the board tabled approving the amendment because trustee L. David Stader was absent and wanted

to make changes before the change is enacted. Before the tabling action was made, Oppertbauer asked the township attorney to consider making changes in the amendment.

The major revision Oppertbauer asked was to delete the position of "chief of police" because many of the chief's responsibilities would be incompatible with those held by the director of public safety.

"We felt the position of chief of police would be redesignated captain of police," he added. "The ordinance requires more extensive revision for this reason."

OPPERTBAUER also asked for a change which will allow the township supervisor to become a member of the police appeals board.

The ordinance now excludes the director of public safety from the appeals board because the supervisor also acts as police commissioner.

Oppertbauer also asked that the director of public safety be given more administrative control over the functions of the fire department.

"It is not our intent to weaken the authority of our fire chiefs, but to enable the director of public safety to more effectively coordinate the efforts of the fire chiefs and create a more central person for directing policies of the fire department," he added.



IRVING YAKES

Supervisor Earl Teeples stressed that it is not the township's intent to have its policemen also act as firemen or vice versa.

IN OTHER business, the board authorized the supervisor to make arrangements for a dinner to honor some 14 township police officers who have been recommended for citations.

The dinner will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28 which is the eve of the Farmington Founders Festival days which run from July 29-31.

The township will pick up the tabs for the prime rib dinners for the officers and their wives being honored and arrangements will be made by Teeples for the dinner to be open to the public on a reservation basis. Further details, including the place, will be announced later.

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## Puppy, Monkey Find A Home

Anything can happen, and usually does, at the residence of Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples on 14 Mile Rd.

A COUPLE OF weeks ago, when Supervisor Teeples returned home after completing a day's work at township hall, he found a small puppy in his driveway that apparently had been dropped there by his mother, shortly after being born.

Because efforts to locate the mother among local females proved fruitless, Judy Teeples, 13, became its mother.

"She feeds it on a two-hour, round-the-clock schedule," says Teeples, "using a small nursor and baby formula. The little critter is doing fine and is fat."

"Lately, he's been seen riding on Joe's shoulder about the place. Undoubtedly, someone is missing a monkey. Is it you?" Teeples asks,

however, greeted the next morning with an even more interesting arrival.

Joe Teeples, 18, looked out the window of his bedroom and, there on the roof, spied a real live monkey.

"Having recently seen 'Planet of the Apes,' Joe wondered if perhaps he was not being invaded. He wasn't. Joe spoke to the monkey, who was busy eating berries off the tree nearby, offered him an apple and they became friends."

Efforts to locate the owner of the animal proved fruitless, adds Teeples. Local reports are that the monkey had been around for about a week, is fairly friendly, and wears a choke chain.

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