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Maple & Lemon

Plans have been announced by the City of Farmington to hold ceremonies to dedicate the old maple tree on Gill as an historical site. Details on the ceremony are reported inside along with comments from Daniels Den about the appropriateness of a lemonade stand under the tree.

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Just For Kids

One of the events the kids enjoy most during Farmington Founders Festival days is the pet show, competition. You can start grooming your child's pet now and help him fill out the entry form printed inside.

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Just For Elders

Farmington Township will be ready in about two weeks to submit an application for government funds to construct low-rental senior citizen housing. To prove to the government that there is a need locally for senior housing, a form is printed inside for seniors to fill out, expressing their desire and support for such a project.

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Inter-Racial Club

A new inter-racial, inter-faith camping club has recently been started in Observerland and is looking for new members. You might like to wear its distinctive emblem.

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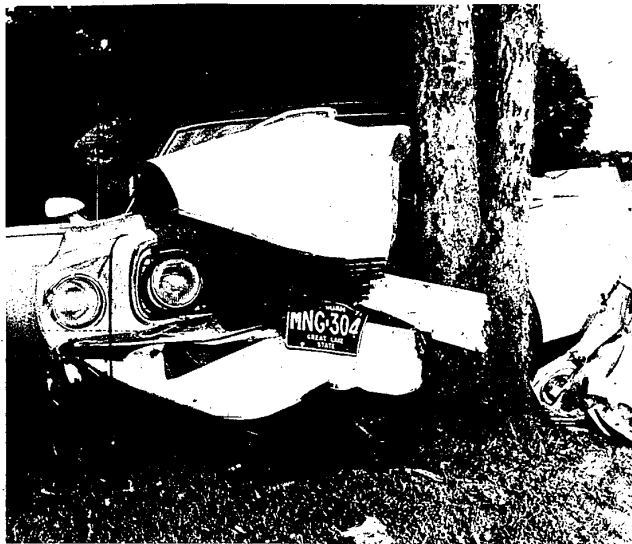
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TENTH FATALITY -- Farmington Township experienced its tenth traffic fatality of 1971 when the above vehicle drove through a fence and struck the tree in front of 29204 W. 8 Mile, west of Roosevelt St. The victim, Laurie S.

Lehew, 69 of Detroit, was dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital. Police say the coroner's report indicates Lehew suffered a heart attack while driving and it is believed he had died before the car struck the tree. (Evert photo)

Apply Now For Absentee Ballot

Anyone planning a vacation or business trip that will keep him from voting in the Aug. 23 millage election is urged by Farmington Public Schools election officials to obtain an absentee ballot from the Board of Education offices at 32500 Shiwassee anytime after July 29.

Byron Oliver, director of administrative services for the schools and acting election clerk, said absentee ballots will be mailed to the homes of anyone who calls his office at 477-1300.

Voters can also pick up absentee ballots after filling out applications in person at the Board offices.

ALL ABSENTEE ballots must be in the hands of election officials no later than 4 p.m. the day of the election.

Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of Farmington Schools, estimated the cost of the election at \$1,500, an amount to be taken from general school funds.

The \$1,500 will cover official notices in local papers of the

last day of voter registration (July 23) and of announcements of election day. It will also pay for any printed materials, the operation of voting machines and election workers salaries.

HE ADDED that a special "steering committee" consisting of the seven school board members, representatives of the four bargaining units (teachers, custodians, bus drivers and secretaries), a representative of the Farmington PTA Council, three representatives from the Farmington Area Advisory Council, spokesmen for the finance committee and the Public relations committee, and two members of the administrative staff, will meet Monday night, July 19, in a special study session to formulate guidelines on the election.

Exact wording of this millage proposal to be put on the ballot Aug. 23, including the amount to be asked and the time element involved, will be announced at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday, July 20.

Loan Bid Accepted

Farmington's board of education has accepted the low bid of the National Bank of Detroit to borrow \$3.25 million until state aid funds arrive.

NBD offered interest rates of 2.99 per cent, the lowest of five bids submitted. Next low bidder was Manufacturers Bank offering 3.5 per cent interest. Other bidders were Detroit Bank and Trust, Bank of the Commonwealth and Livonia National Bank.

In other actions the board at its last meeting: Again contributed \$450 to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission;

Approved a list of directors, principals, assistant principals and administrators below the levels of superintendent, assistant superintendent and business manager for the 1971-72 school year; and

Confirmed earlier action naming Richard Peters as the board's new president, Kenneth Perrin as vice president, Ronald Emmitt as treasurer and Mrs. Kay Stirling as secretary.



PIGEONS RACE — City of Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton holds one of the competitors in the Festival International Pigeon Derby to be staged at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 22, on the Farmington High athletic field. Miss Oakland County, Barbara Robbins, holds one of the trophies which will be given a winning pigeon racer. Miss Robbins was a member of the 1970 Festival Queen's Court. (Evert photo)



SPREADING HERITAGE — The Rotary Club of Farmington is spreading the heritage of the community throughout the world with its club's banner which sports a drawing of the mansion of Fred Warner, Farmington pioneer who served as Michigan governor from 1905-10. The banner, a Rotary tradition, is exchanged with clubs around the world by visiting members and the Farmington banner just recently obtained has already been sent to such countries as Turkey, Greece and Sweden. Alan Warner (left), grandson of Governor Warner and a Farmington Rotarian, shows the banner while visiting the Warner mansion with Joe Nicita, newly-elected president of the local Rotary Club. Other officers recently installed include: Earl Lough, vice president; Bill Bliss, treasurer; James Lanigan, secretary; and Marinus Van Ameyde, sergeant-at-arms; and directors, Austin Coughlin and Orlo Johns. (Evert photo)

Is Early Pay Pact Probable?

Agreement on a 1971-72 teachers contract before the Aug. 23 millage election is "possible," the president of their union says.

But deliberately holding up any millage vote until a new contract is written would mean no millage election at all if the two sides failed to reach a settlement in time.

"It's a case of liking to do everything first," commented Robert Neuhauser, president of the Farmington Education Assn. (FEA).

THE UNION would like to know how much money the district has to spend before agreeing to a wage settlement. And the public would like to know how much the new contract will cost before deciding whether to approve a tax increase to meet it.

Neuhauser's comments were in response to a recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Council's (CAC) finance subcommittee that negotiations be completed before voters are asked to approve another millage increase proposal.

Richard Frankel, subcommittee chairman, called it "imperative that negotiations reach the point before the election that the community knows the actual amount of the bill and where the millage actually will be spent."

Neuhauser agreed that it is "important that negotiations move and desirable to have a settlement" before the election. But he disputed that the latter is "imperative."

If a post-election settlement cost more than the board had anticipated, he pointed out, it could make cuts to bring the budget in balance. If it cost less, the board could choose not to levy half the millage the voters had approved.

On the other hand, a millage vote must be held before Sept. 1 if any new taxes are to be collected to meet bills for the coming school year. And what goes on the ballot must be decided by the board at least five weeks before to meet legal requirements. Delaying to await bargaining results would mean no chance to gain additional local funding for next year.

THE TWO SIDES held their last meeting the last full week in June and will meet again July 27.

Even though negotiations now are "farther behind than they ever have been at this point," Neuhauser said, he is "hopeful" that intensive bargaining can arrive at a settlement before the Aug. 23 election scheduled by the board.

Neuhauser said it would be possible to arrive at a wage settlement by figuring "within certain ballpark figures," even without knowing the exact amount of state aid forthcoming or whether additional local millage will be provided.

The amount of millage to be sought has not yet been decided by the board nor has the length of time for which it would be levied.

Supp. Roderick J. Smith sees "the dollar sign of negotiations" as "a part but not a significant part of the need for additional millage."

Not more than 10 per cent is assigned to negotiations, Dr. Smith said. The rest is for whole salaries, for teachers who will not be rehired if millage fails.

"The greatest part would go for teacher salaries, even if there was no raise at all," Dr. Smith said.

Volunteers Are Needed To Drive

There is a desperate need for volunteers to drive a young Farmington lady to Madison Heights for physical therapy for five days a week.

MISS KUDLA is now under the care of Dr. Claude Oster who heads the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services agency.

The need had been previously made known by volunteer FISH workers and is being detailed this week by Miss Nancy Westfall, a social services worker for the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Services agency of Royal Oak.

THE PATIENT, Miss Barbara Kudla, was born with cerebral palsy and began wearing leg braces at the age of three.

During her adolescent years she underwent four "cordal operations," says Miss Westfall, which lengthened the cords from her heels to the middle of her knees.

The last operation was in 1958 and she was able to walk until January of 1963 when she was hit by a car. The accident resulted in broken hips and the work that had been previously done for her was destroyed.

For the past six months, she was in the hospital to have pins placed in her hips. In 1969, she underwent another operation to strengthen her hips but at this time, unfortunately, it was unsuccessful.

Dr. Oster feels she can be rehabilitated with the use of bilateral long leg braces and intensive physical therapy. This requirement means she must be driven to and from the rehabilitation center which is located at 2730 Dequindre in Madison Heights in the medical building of Martin Place East.

"Through the church groups in the area we have set up temporary transportation for three days a week but we actually need five days per week," Miss Westfall explains.

Any Farmington resident interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week are urged to write FISH, 2937 Pipers Lane, Farmington, 49024.

Transportation for the three days has been provided by members of FISH, a voluntary, non-profit organization of Christian members who have organized to provide help to those in need. Assistance is also being given by the Rev. George Ramsey of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.