

## Major Bid For Prestige

# Hills Offers Single Court

In its first major move to gain prestige and identification, the City of Farmington Hills has offered facilities to establish the 47th District Court on a full time basis.

Unless the City of Farmington, which has shared the court, objects, plans will go forward for an addition to the present municipal offices that will provide an additional courtroom and adequate space to keep the court records.

Since its inception, court sessions have been held in both the Farmington City Hall and the township facility on 11-Mile Road.

With the upgrading of the court, however, the workload has become so heavy that Judge Michael Hand claimed the split offices were no longer feasible and asked both communities to get together on a single site.

Under the plan now being offered, Farmington Hills

would build an addition to its present City Hall that not only would provide the needed space but also would include office space for several department heads in the new city government.

It has been learned that Judge Hand already has met with officials of both municipalities, and the plans for the addition are now being studied.

Hand, noting the heavy caseload built up in recent months, has asked for a second judge to sit in the court.

"We're still meeting on the offer," Acting City Manager Floyd Cairns of Farmington Hills stated, "and it now is up to the City of Farmington. We're ready."

Mayor Robert McConnell also was quick to add that plans were in the final stages and that he thought the combining of the court sessions into a single unit would be a step in the right direction.

"It would be another step," he said, "in bringing the two

cities a bit closer for the greater good of all."

Under the present system, Hand splits his time between the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, and receipts are divided between the two.

Thus far, this arrangement has worked well, except that the need for space has become acute and Hand emphasized that keeping records in both sites was a bit cumbersome.

"We should have access to our records at all times," Hand explains when making his original request. "And this is sometimes difficult with a split office. It would be better if we were housed in one unit."

No time table has been set for the Farmington Hills plan. But with the need of office space for other departments, too, no time will be lost in building the addition - if the City of Farmington is agreeable.

## today's hot line

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### Symphony Auditions

The Oakway Symphony, formed in June, welcomes area musicians who would like to try out for the orchestra. For the complete details turn to the amusement section.

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### Continuum Grant

A recent grant from the National Institute of Mental Health will mean new directions for the continuum program at Oakland University. Read how it will be used in Observing Life today.

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# City Manager Due By Sept. 1

While the screening of candidates continues, the new City of Farmington Hills expects to have its first official city manager on the job by Sept. 1.

This thought is expressed by Mayor Robert McConnell, and he has set up a time table for the final selection.

"We have had about 40 candidates thus far," he said, "and it is quite a job screening them."

"However, I expect that the field will be narrowed down by Aug. 13, the date of our next City Council meeting."

"If we can do that, the final choice could be made at the council meeting on Aug. 27 and the man could be on the job by Sept. 1."

Then as an afterthought, he said, "That will coincide with the opening of school."

Among the official candidates is Norman Gaffney, former city manager of Plymouth.

## City Gets Third Plea On Zoning

For the third time since last March, an attempt will be made to have the Farmington City Council approve the rezoning of the Frederick Scarle property on the north side of Grand River Ave. at Gill Road.

In March the planning commission denied a request for a change from R-1 to C-2 (commercial).

A month later the request was brought before Council and denied again.

This time the change being asked is from R-1 to R-1-O (one story offices).



OFF FOR JAMBOREE - Fifty members of Farmington Boy Scout Troop 179, with their leader, Jack Burnette, are on their way to the annual jamboree at Moraine State Park in Butler, Pa. where they will be part of a gathering of 44,000 scouts. They are boarding the bus for the trip and (bottom) Eric Caesar is helping Dave Blum with pack before boarding. (Evert photos)

# Susie's Father Lauds FBI For Quick Action

By MARTHA MAHAN  
The father of kidnapped Susie Jaeger hopes the FBI's swift action in arresting an "opportunist" charged with attempting to extort money from the bereaved family will discourage crank callers.

He wants his telephone line kept clear so that anyone with authentic information that might help to find his daughter can get through.

He told the Jaegers, an agent said, that their little daughter was "very much alive" and that he knew where she was.

Harbin's first call to the Jaegers was made July 31, four days after they returned

girl after the money was paid, the agent said.

Neither the Jaegers nor the FBI would specify the amount of money demanded except to say he wanted "all they had" as a down payment.