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CAPACITY CROWD OBJECTS

Re-zoning Requests to Permit 600 Apts Heard by Twp Zoning Bd

The Farmington Township Zoning Board managed to conduct its regular meeting last Thursday evening, July 29, despite alternate cheers, applause, and boos of a standing-room-only audience which overflowed onto the stairway and into the lower level of the township hall.

Resume Work On Twp. Water, Sewer Lines

Work has been resumed on the laying of water lines for the seven special assessment districts in Farmington Township as well as the laying of the Tarabusi Sewer Farm to the township's industrial park.

There were only 15 to 20 more days of work to be completed by the water transmission and distribution lines when the work stoppage occurred on June 8. The lines, which were scheduled to be finished by July 1, will probably take more time now because all of the equipment was removed and must be moved back again.

Supervisor Curtis Hall predicts that it will be about September 1 before the water will start flowing through these lines.

B. of C. to Have Fund Drive for Decorations

The board of directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce has decided on an all out push to raise funds with which to provide substantially more and better looking Christmas decorations for the streets and roadways in the City and Township of Farmington this year.

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More than half the audience were homeowners living near Eight Mile and Halsted roads who are in development of 12 two-story apartment buildings, to be known as Meadow Brook Gardens and containing units in proposed. The rezoning request of the proponent, Anthony Skover, for 7.4 acres in the southeast quarter of Section 24 is to be changed from RA-1 to RC had been placed on the agenda; but the request was withdrawn during the evening, and the matter did not come up for consideration.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing on a rezoning request on property in the southwest quarter of Section 24, proposed by Creative Communities and Ivan Frankel Construction Company, submitted a plat for Franklin Gateways subdivision which is planned to be built on a 22-acre parcel which is already zoned RA-1, one-family residential, and needs no rezoning.

Traffic Safety Program Here Gaining Steam

Farmington Township Board Trustee Earl Oppertbauer gained approval from fellow Board members on July 23, after a pamphlet from the Secretary of State's office to residents of the township in an attempt to reduce traffic accidents.

OPPERTBAUER made the request for local distribution of the traffic safety literature at the meeting of the township board Tuesday night, July 23.

4-Year-Old Boy Drowns in Pool

The second drowning in 35 more weeks in Farmington Township claimed the life of 4-year-old James Scott Stewart, son of Mrs. Sharon L. Stewart, of 3129 Mulford in the township.

B. of E. Seeks Walkways Thru Proposed Subs

Robert Carey of the Thompson-Drown Company appeared before the Farmington School Board at their regular meeting Monday night to request that the Board authorize Common One and Two, subdivisions to be built in section 3 of the Township, north of Thirteen Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

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The request for rezoning is for an additional 13 acres located between the proposed Franklin Gateways subdivision and Northwestern Highway. The proponents are requesting that the parcel be rezoned from RA-1 to RC, multiple residential, to permit the construction of approximately 130 apartment units.

Edwin Oglesby, attorney for the proponents, described the two-parcel Franklin Gateways subdivision is to have 36 units averaging 20,000 sq. ft. each with homes costing up to \$90,000. The apartment units are planned to be a maximum of two stories high and of the same quality as the proposed homes. Arrangements have been made for adequate sewer and water facilities as well as paved roads and a separate road leading from the proposed apartments south to Northwestern Highway. Total investment for the overall project will be about \$1,500,000.

Gala "Sidewalk" Sale Set Fri., Sat. Downtown

Downtown Farmington merchants are staging a gala "Sidewalk Sale" on Friday and Saturday, this week, July 31 and August 1.

Four Days Left For Registering

A final reminder was issued this week by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and City Clerk Trenq Quinn that the deadline for registering to qualify as a voter in the September 1 Primary Election is Monday, August 3, at 8 p.m.

Well Fails; Ban Imposed

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OX ROAST CHAIRMAN Bill Eveshart, of the Farmington Elks is pictured above showing Linda Stewart the spit where the Elks will barbecue a 500-pound Black Angus steer this weekend in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot, corner of Grove Street and Grand River. Looking on as Linda inspects the giant

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Shoppers will find a wide variety of merchandise offered at better than bargain prices. Stores along Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road, as well as those in the Downtown Farmington Center will be participating in the Sale.

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split are Elks committee workers (L to R) George Ames, Jim Ockerman, E. R. Doug Snyder and Bill O'Connor. See more details on the Ox Roast and Sidewalk Sale to be held in downtown Farmington Friday and Saturday, July 31 and August 1, in Section B of this week's Farmington Enterprise.

Quigley Suit Against City Now in Court

The lawsuit against the City of Farmington brought by Charles Quigley of Quigley Industries, 3066 Grand River Avenue, opened this week in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac.

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Embezzlement Warrant Issued for Constable In City of Farmington

A Constable serving the City of Farmington has been charged with the embezzlement of over \$700 and is now sought out of state to answer the charge.

Ed. Bd. Revises Service Bldg. Budget, Plans

Revised plans for the proposed service and maintenance building to be built on Ten Mile Rd. east of Middlebelt were presented by architect Donald Jacob to the Farmington School Board at a regular meeting Monday night.

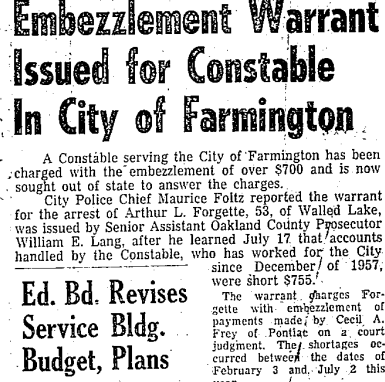
The revised plans called for a change in storage capacity; reduction of the electrical requirements; and eliminated ceiling tile, floor drains, zirconite brickwork, vinyl and asphalt tile, interior painting, face brick on the front of the building, and all miscellaneous equipment.

Board members did not approve of such drastic reductions even though necessary to keep to the original cost estimates. Richard Peters stated that the building was to be paid for out of the building and site fund, that most of the eliminated items were really a part of the building and if added later have to be paid for out of operating expenses. Therefore, a revision of the budget for the building should be considered, Peters said.

The Board then voted to instruct Jacob to work with administration and staff members in revising plans for the service and maintenance building to incorporate the more necessary and desirable features, and to prepare new estimates on the basis of a new budget of \$60,000 for the building.

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The City is auditing all of the cases handled by Constable Forgett in an attempt to determine if shortages exist in any other accounts.

Forgett is believed to have left the state. He moved from his home at 1955 15 Mile Road in Walled Lake early this month. Forgett also served as Constable in several other courts in the area.

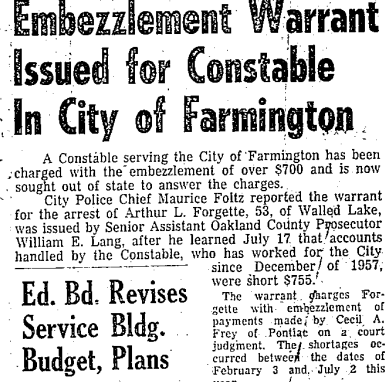
CHIEF FOLTZ termed the embezzlement findings ironic, coming as it did, on the heels of a move by the City to have a retiring police officer assume the duties of the Constable's office, effective August 15.

The Farmington City Council, upon a recommendation from Chief Forgett, voted to change in the handling of the Constable's duties at their regular meeting July 6, just 11 days prior to the resignation of Constable Forgett's accounts.

Forgett is bonded in an amount expected to cover the extent of the shortage during the course of the investigation so far, Chief Foltz said. He also indicated Forgett is expected to be out of state soon and extradited back to Michigan to face the embezzlement charges.

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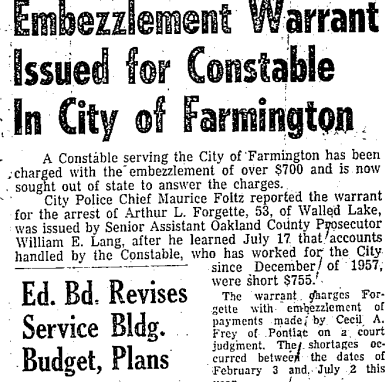
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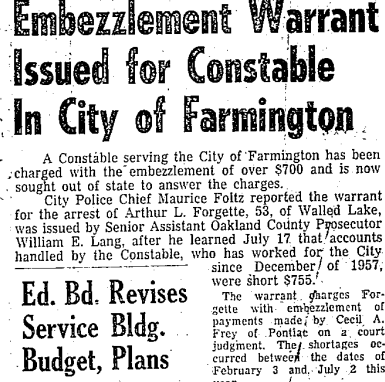
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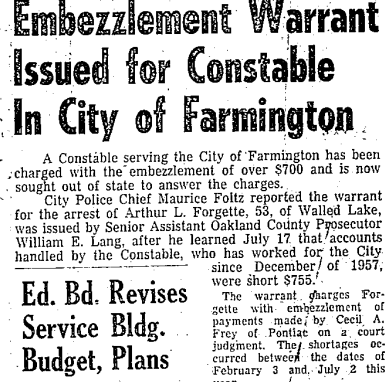
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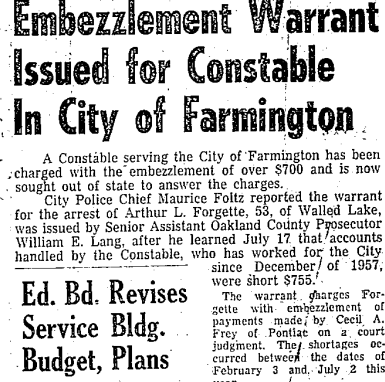
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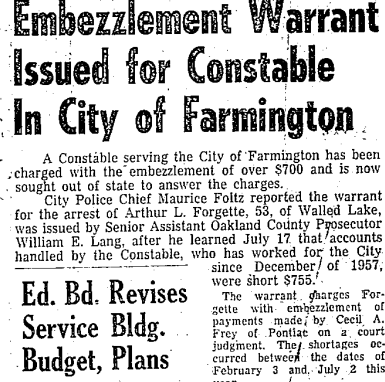
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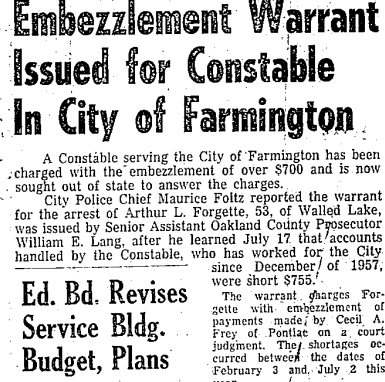
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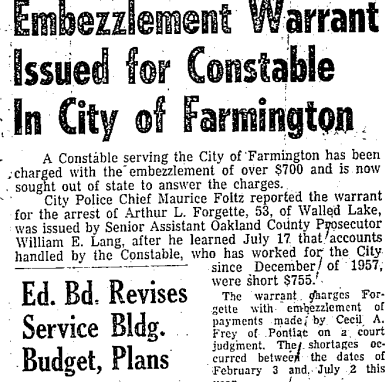
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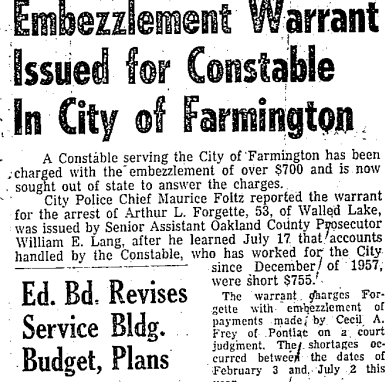
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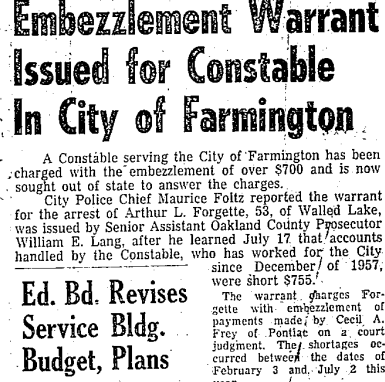
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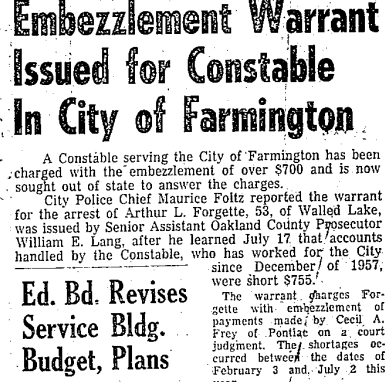
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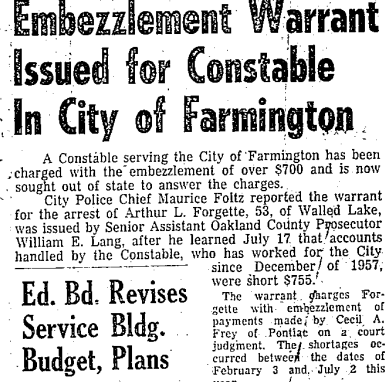
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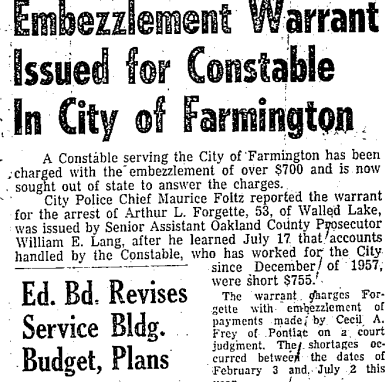
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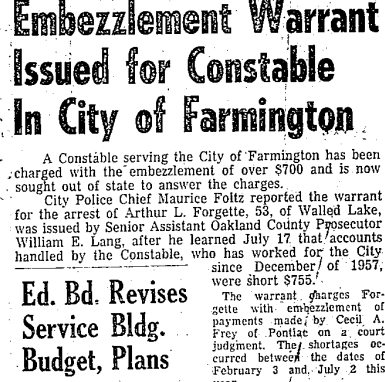
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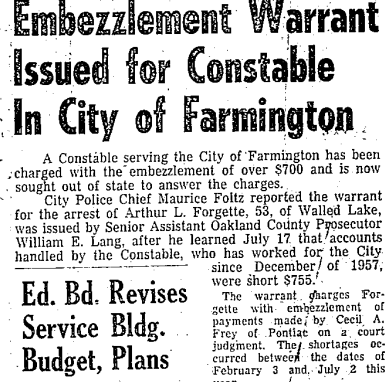
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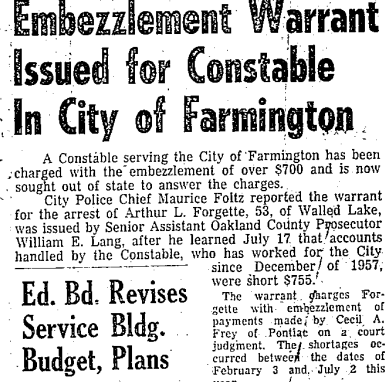
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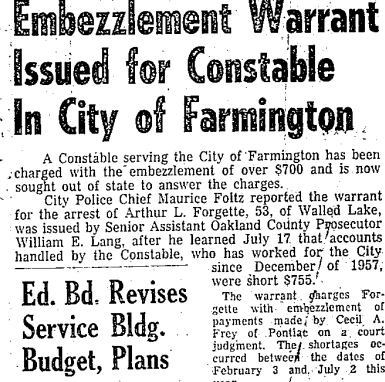
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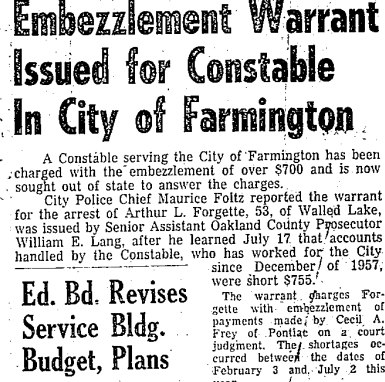
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