

# Open Water-Sewer Talks with County

City Manager John Dinan reports that the city is currently trying to work out an agreement with the Oakland County Department of Public Works to provide water and sewer facilities for the recently annexed portion of the city.

Farmington Township had a court suit on the question contending that the city should not be able to provide the facilities unless the overall portion of the tap-in fees was paid to the county.

These funds would be used to help pay off the Township-wide debt for the Tarabusi Sewer Arm and the Farmington Interceptor Sewer.

Last week Oakland Circuit Court Judge William J. Beer granted the city a summary judgment dismissing the lawsuit. Dinan noted that "a formal order is being prepared by the attorneys and should be submitted to the Court for a

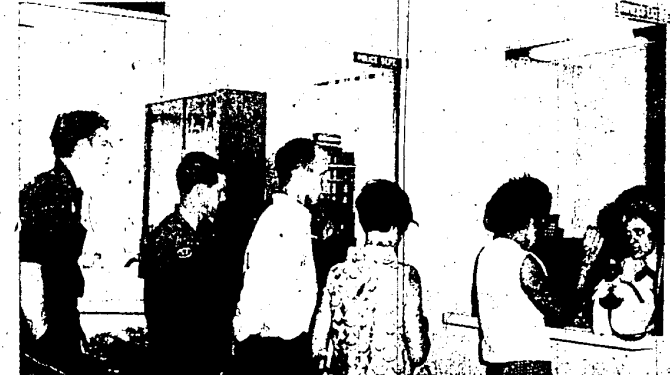
formal determination by the Judge within 30 days."

"At last week's Township Board session Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan observed that the judge had "indicated" that the city had the right to provide the facilities.

Brennan noted that the judge had instructed the attorneys to prepare the order, but that he wasn't.

Dinan said that "We believe now that this lawsuit has been dismissed, that an agreement can be reached with County DPW. We are of the opinion that through joint cooperation of the county and the city that this area can be jointly serviced in the most practical and economical manner to the property owners and with no disadvantage to either governmental agency."

# City Sights Prospect Of Closing Driver License Bureau



THIS SCENE which is all too familiar at City Hall will be licensing bureau. The city, one of the few local municipalities, issues more than 1,400 licenses each month.

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The days on which you may get your driver's license in Farmington may be numbered if the City Council acts tonight upon a recommendation to stop the service.

City manager John Dinan and Police Chief Robert Deadman will ask the Council to stop the service.

cause (a) the City is serving a huge volume, 90 per cent of which is non-resident (b) the City is losing money on the operation (c) the function takes time away from patroling.

"The majority of law enforcement agencies have dropped this service," Dinan said, in his report to the Council. "The Secretary of State's office has developed, more or less, regional offices at Five Mile and Farmington Rds. Ten Mile and Greenfield, and Southfield at Grand River, but throwing a greater burden on the City to service Farmington Township, the north portion of Livonia, Redford Township, Novi and the western portions of the City of Southfield."

## State Will Take Over Licensing

Soon all driver's licenses will be issued by branches of the Secretary of State's office.

Gradually the state wants to take over all licensing. They have opened their own offices in many cases, and have not raised the rebate to cities since 1948.

"Thus, economic pressure will force the City of Farmington out of the business of issuing driver's licenses.

The driver buying his first license pays \$5.50—the City gets \$2 of that. Renewals and chauffeur's license take time, give the City only 50 cents each.

"The Secretary of State's office is now negotiating with the largest bureau in our county, the City of Royal Oak, and they will soon be out of the licensing business," police chief Robert Deadman said, in a report to the council prepared for tonight's session.

Deadman also said he felt the only local bureau still issuing licenses are in small out of the way places or never will be greatly affected by the changes in procedure.

"I hope they locate in the City of Township, since we now handle 18,500 licenses. Certainly the volume is here," Dinan noted.

In July of 1965 the Secretary of State began his current program of photographing and eliminating licenses. Then several license bureaus were closed down; Farmington asked, and was granted, the right to keep their service.

And the Governor has proposed legislation that would turn over the entire procedure to the Secretary of State.

"Although this legislation is not passed, it is anticipated it will pass by 1970," Deadman said.

Deadman also said service was at times slow, and the lobby, which was not designed for heavy traffic, is jammed.

"We are not getting any more money, either," Deadman reports. "The figure is \$5 cents on a renewal and \$2 on an original." This figure was set in 1948.

Prices for licenses have gone up, but the return to the City has not.

In February, Dinan said, he looked upon the program as good for the downtown's reputation as a service center and that it saved people a long drive to Pontiac or some other town to get their licenses.

"The figures today show we just aren't making enough. It's not a small amount," Dinan said.

The matter will be up to the Council to decide tonight.

"We want to discontinue the service effective Oct. 1," Dinan added.

## THIRD CONTRACT: Maintenance and Cafeteria OK Pact

Three down and one to go. That's the situation on contracts between the four bargaining units and the Farmington Schools with the acceptance of a three-year contract by the custodians, maintenance men, bus mechanics,

janitors and cafeteria workers on Friday. More than 200 employees are covered.

Board approval of the contract is expected at tonight's (Wednesday) organizational meeting of the School Board.

Contracts have already been agreed upon with the bus drivers and the secretaries, which leaves only the biggest contract—with the district's 700 teachers yet to be negotiated.

The three-year tenure of the contract is the first in the

district. Only the economic area and the question of union security will be open for negotiations next year.

"Salary raises on an average of 10 cents per hour for the hourly workers and \$200 per year for salaried employees are provided for in the contract.

Fringe benefits include payment of half of the Blue Cross or MEA Insurance Family Medical Plan for full-time employees and provisions for a sick bank and workmen's compensation equal to the regular salary.

A 10 cent per hour shift premium is also provided for employees working on the third shift of a day.

Under the new salary scale wages will range from a minimum of \$3,225 for secondary school and central kitchen managers to a high of \$7,200 for a group leader in the maintenance division.

The employees voted to ratify the contract on Friday. Approximately three-quarters of the union's 200 members were present and only one negative vote was cast at the union session.

"The gigantic task of giving every motorist a photograph was begun in 1965. By 1969 all drivers will have the color license."

Today, with nearly two million licenses being issued each year in Michigan, records are being placed in electronic "computer" information banks.

"In a short time this entire licensing process will be mechanized on computers," Hays said.

The job of licensing Michigan's five million drivers has become a huge problem—solved only by a state-wide agency.

Thus small licensing bureaus are going out of existence. Legislation, according to Deadman, may make it mandatory by 1970.

Either way, the increase in labor costs, overhead and the drain on patrol time in the face of rising crime has put the Farmington bureau in the red.

The state appears to have no intention of increasing the City's share of the fees and thus a subtle economic pressure will give the job to the Secretary of State's office.

## Co-Op Owners Like Investments

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN  
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In all of Farmington there are many apartments but just one cooperative townhouse development.

It is Farmington Village, located at Nine Mile and Gill Rds.

The total project, when completed, will have 253 units. Buyers of the units have about that many different reasons for purchasing a co-op over renting an apartment.

Cooperative buying is in a class by itself. Unlike buying a condominium, which is bought outright, a co-op buyer makes a small initial down payment and continues to pay monthly charges on a long term mortgage.

Buyers of co-ops cite one major advantage over apartment renting—a co-op owner enjoys the income tax benefits of an individual homeowner.

For the first full year of normal operation, it is estimated that approximately 62 per cent of each monthly payment is tax deductible.

For example, on a townhouse whose monthly cost is \$150, about \$100 is deductible. A portion of the monthly payment is applied to reduce the mortgage principal.

All the advantages of home ownership accrue to the co-op owner without one big disadvantage—maintenance. A co-op owner neither shovels snow nor mows the lawn.

Most cooperative developments have clubhouses and swimming pools as can be found at Farmington Village. Purchase of a unit entitles the buyer to club membership.

Not all residents at Farmington Village, as might be thought, are young couples without children or retirees who don't want the responsibility of a house.

The Peter Devlins moved to Farmington from northwest Detroit with their two college age sons and another high school age boy.

Mrs. Devlin says, "We're all going in different directions. We had talked about an apartment, but this is better financially. It's worth mornings at Catholic Central High School and our townhouse is easier for me to keep clean than our old big house."

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in the same hospital. The district. Only the economic area and the question of union security will be open for negotiations next year.

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## School Funds Are Released

The office of Oakland County Treasurer James E. Steeter has released \$478,201.18 of state aid funds to the Farmington Public School District, representing one-sixth of state allotments to the district.

Steeter also released \$4,997.92 for the portion of the Clarenceville School District that lies in Oakland County.

The funds are used for regular operational expenses.

## Festival Kickoff Luncheon Slated

A special kickoff luncheon for the 1967 Farmington Founders Festival has been scheduled for Thursday, July 13. Serving of the lunch will begin at 12 noon in the Masonic Temple.

Edison Holland, co-chairman of this year's Festival which is scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29, will be the speaker. Holland will outline the Festival program and will describe some of the main events.

"Theme of this year's celebration is "Farmington On Parade."

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting the Board of Commerce office at 474-3440. The Festival Committee promises the program will end by 2 p.m.

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# FARC Summer Program Starts After All The Politics Is Over and Done

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After all the hollering about representation of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission has settled down and is providing a summer program for the youngsters of both the city and township.

Evans Bagertis, director of the program, reports that 1,600 will participate in the program by the end of the summer.

The hollering started out in the township last winter when a reorganization of the commission was proposed.

As you might or might not remember, Trustee Earl Oppertbauer asked for and got an authorization from the Board to reorganize on a "one man one vote" basis. Under his proposal the township would have additional votes.

Presently the commission is comprised of representatives of the city, township and Farmington and Clarenceville Schools.

The only problem with the township proposal was that while the city council didn't exactly say no it didn't jump up and down at the idea.

The two school boards named members to the reorganization commission and kept their mouths shut. Their members weren't about to become involved in the political crossfire between the city and township.

After all the shouting died down—Oppertbauer called the city's representative, Councilman Ralph Yoder, "an obstructionist" and Yoder retorted that if setting the program organized was being an obstructionist he was happy that he was... the group agreed to continue the make-up of the commission for one year with equal representation.

Thus the program got underway. What will happen, when and if the question arises again is anybody's guess, but this year the youngsters have an opportunity to participate in organized play-ground recreation, swim at Kensington, visit the zoo, Tiger Stadium and Bob-Lou.

The program which runs through Aug. 4, is set up into north-south divisions with the activities for the two sections being staggered. In other words, one section goes swimming on one day while the others stay on the playgrounds, etc.

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OFF TO THE ZOO are these youngsters who are participating in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer program. Last Friday the youngsters from the

south end visited the zoo. North end youngsters will make the trip later in the summer.