

Federal Money Won't Change Local Taxes

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New Apartments

One of the larger new apartment developments in Farmington Township was under way this week. For a look at what's going on at Middle Belt and 12 Mile Rd., see:

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Christmas Sing

Want to hear some old-fashioned Christmas music? Your chance is coming at North Farmington High School.

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Happy Birthday

It's an appropriate sentiment when children gather to celebrate a baby's birth at Christmas. One Farmington Sunday School will have a cake for the occasion. Our Church Section has the story.

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Puppets

They help inner city children learn about dental health, and a Farmington woman is involved in the project. See Spotlight on Women today.

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Holiday Program

Redford's Civic Symphony will be joined by a guest soloist and a guest choir for its Christmas program on Sunday. They'll help make it a memorable holiday event.

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Any hope that local property tax relief would result from federal revenue sharing was dashed with the receipt of the first two checks for Farmington and Farmington Township this week.

The city received \$17,227 as the first of two payments, and the township received \$81,214.

SINCE THE city budget totals \$12 million, and the township totals \$22 million, the money won't drastically alter the revenue the two units have to work with, officials agree.

The allotments were less than originally hoped for, at least in the city. City Manager

Robert Deadman said the payment was about \$10,000 less than early figures released by the government indicated.

He also pointed out that since the allotment was based at least in part on tax effort—the local millage rate—if the money were used to lower the tax rate, it would mean even less "shared" money to the city.

Robert McConnell, Farmington Township supervisor, seemed less irritated at the amount, although he wasn't in office when early figures were released.

McConnell pointed out that

although this first check was "found" money for the township, the office of revenue sharing sent a memo with the check indicating the city and township would soon be receiving forms which would require earmarking the funds before they are received.

INITIAL GUIDELINES allow expenditure of the money in nearly any area of local government.

The allotments were apparently based on a formula which gave credit for tax effort, deducted some for relative income and multiplied the result by the population, according to Deadman.



IN HONOR of former school librarian Mrs. Peggy Paskovitz, the sixth grade class at Fairview School enacted two performances of Dickens' "Oliver Twist" recently. Doug Moss (left) played Mr. Bronlow, and Howard Friedman played Oliver. (Evert photo)

'Silver Beaver' Award Granted

The coveted silver beaver award, scouting's highest honor for adult leaders, was given to J. Victor Stockell, 26345 Middle Belt, for his work with the Ottawa District, Clinton Valley Council.

Stockell and Milton G. Walls Jr., Milford, director of drug education for the Huron Valley School District, were the two recipients of the award in the Clinton Valley Council.

Stockell has been a district

commissioner for the council for eight years and has been active in many phases of scouting for 10 years.

His other community activities include being president of the East Junior High parent-teachers student council, which is also organized.

He has also been active in St. Fabian Catholic parish activities, including the ushers club, the credit union board and the finance committee.



J. VICTOR STOCKELL

Flood Insurance OK'd For City

Residents of the City of Farmington will be able to qualify for flood insurance under a federal Housing and Urban Development program. The city was approved by HUD recently as qualifying with appropriate land use and control measures. An application was sent in to HUD early this year by the city council.

UNDER THE program, insurance at federally subsidized rates may be pur-

chased from local property and casualty agents and brokers in amounts up to \$17,500 for single houses, and up to \$30,000 for all other residential and non-residential structures.

On structures, rates range from 25 to 60 cents per \$100 of insurance, depending on the value of the structure.

Contents may be insured up to \$5,000, with rates ranging from 35 to 45 cents per \$100 of

insurance on residential contents and 75 cents per \$100 of insurance on the contents of non-residential properties, according to HUD.

Insurance policies are effective immediately as issued during the first 30 days the insurance becomes available.

Insurance purchased after the first 30 days of community eligibility will become effective after a 15-day waiting period.



GOODFELLOW DOLLS are on display at the library in the City of Farmington for the week before Christmas. Maria and Daniel Agne, youthful library patrons, demonstrate the appeal of the dolls, which will be distributed for Christmas to needy families. (Evert photo)

Club Lists Available

The Farmington Community Organization List, an annual effort of the Jaycee Auxilliary and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, is now available.

The work lists 146 organizations, from service clubs to special service groups like "Rap Line," their officers, and a brief description of the club activities.

The lists are available at the chamber of commerce offices, Farmington Rd. and Grand River, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Groups not listed and wishing to be are urged to contact Mrs. Joan McFarland, 24256 Northwick, coordinator for the list.

Holko Is Elected Academy Director

Public Safety Director Ronald Holko of Farmington Township has been elected a director of the Metropolitan Police Academy of Michigan, training center for police recruits of five counties.

The board of directors forms policy for the academy, operated by Louis Berg, former superintendent, and his brother, James, former deputy superintendent, of the Detroit Police Department.

It provides six-week training courses for police recruits of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties.

The academy was formed in 1961 after the Detroit Police Department notified suburbs it could no longer train their police officers.

Light Spending Shown In Election Expenses

By STEVE BARNABY
Earl Teeples, former Farmington Township supervisor, found that outspending his opponent, Republican Robert McConnell, by more than 2 to 1 couldn't help him to retain his supervisor's post.

Spending more than \$1,700 in his write-in campaign, he received \$775 in contributions. He was saved from debt because of more than \$1,000 left over from the primary contributions.

In the primary Teeples listed contributions of \$2,390 while spending \$949.

THOSE contributing \$100 or more to Teeples write-in campaign were Stanley Aker, \$200; and Max Sheldon, \$100.

Aker has been a strong financial backer of Teeples throughout his re-election bid. In the primary Aker contributed \$300.

McConnell spent \$722 which he received from the Farmington Fund, an

organization which collected more than \$2,000 for the Republican slate.

Money from the fund was raised by ticket sales to Republican night at which the candidates appeared.

MARGARET Schaefer and Frederick Lichtman, winners for the township trustee posts, each received \$60 from the fund and spent it for advertising.

Opposing the two
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