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He won't get lost

THE FARMINGTON ROTARY club funded a trip for 55 pre-schoolers from the Farmington area to the circus recently. John Greshover, former superintendent of school

buses in Farmington, came out of retirement to drive the group. Jeff Csokasy is well-identified as a precaution against getting lost. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Hills takes hard line on donations

FARMINGTON -- The Farmington Hills Council stand against disbursing money to private groups put them in the position Monday of refusing a \$48 contribution to the Farmington Arts Council and turning down a \$1,500 loan to the committee planning the celebration of the area's 150th birthday.

An abstention by Mayor Robert McConnell made the rejection of the contribution unanimous, despite the approval of a similar request by the Farmington city council a week before.

"The city of Farmington has a different lawyer," Joseph T. Brennan told the Hills council when asked why the other city approved the grant.

Brennan advised the council he could find no statute allowing the disbursement of money to a private group. He first took the position when money was given to the Sarah Fisher home and the Hill committee's request for the now defunct Wood Creek Village council.

The Hills council demanded the return of that

money, \$5,000 from the school board, and \$1,000 from the home. The new city was to receive all the assets of the villages formerly within its boundaries when it was incorporated.

The Sarah Fisher home has since returned the money to the council.

Ed Lane, executive secretary of the chamber of commerce, who argued for the 150th committee grant, said every effort would be made to pay back the money.

He told the council it was needed for "seed money" to pay initial costs for items

like the Mike Whorf show, a coin and commemorative plate. Ticket sales and sales of the coin and the plate are expected to return a profit to the committee, he added.

As a non-profit corporation, the chamber is not allowed to make a bank loan, he said.

He also argued other cities had hired professional promoters to handle celebrations like this one.

"We thought we had enough talent in Farmington to handle it ourselves," he said.

Londoners find home with cops

"You're helping people"
--Mrs. Hazel Purbrick

By MARTHA MAHAN

FARMINGTON -- A clipped British accent sends Farmington Hills police whizzing out in answer to calls.

The voice belongs to Hazel Purbrick, for seven years a member of the Women's Royal Air-Force and military police.

Being a police dispatcher is old hat to Mrs. Purbrick. She has done the same job in Egypt, Malta, Cyprus and all over the Middle East.

Her husband, Anthony, put in 15 years at Scotland Yard as well as serving with the British military in World War II. He's now Michigan manager for the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

As a military policeman, Mrs. Purbrick went through exactly the same training as her husband had to join the London Metropolitan Police.

"I've always been adventure-minded," Mrs. Purbrick said in explaining her entry into police work.

"My brothers were in the Air Force and I had cousins in the Air Force. As soon as I was old enough I just went in."

Although both served in the military police at the same time, they didn't meet until after the war. She came out a top sergeant, he a corporal.

Purbrick was walking his police beat and she was working as a bus fare collector when they met. He was writing a traffic ticket and she leaned out of the bus to ask: "Haven't you anything better to do?"

Obviously he had. They were married nine months later.

Purbrick went through the routine steps with Scotland Yard. He was a beat patrolman, traffic director, plain clothes detective and served in special duties such as helping guard Presidents Kennedy and Johnson on their visits to England.

He joined the International Police Assn. and came to this country on several visits.

It was on one of these trips that he was approached to join the Pinkerton Agency.

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MR. and MRS. ANTHONY PURBRICK

Power to speak at 150th kickoff

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The kickoff to a series of events planned to celebrate Farmington's 150th birthday, the breakfast is open to the public at \$4 a serving. Eggs benedict will be served.

Reservations for the breakfast are requested at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office, Grand River and Farmington Rd.

Local family comes home to shambles

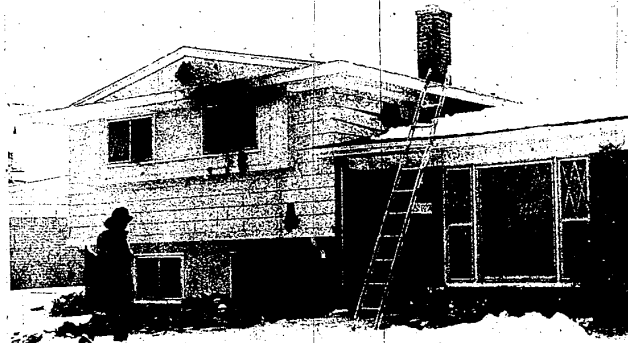
FARMINGTON -- The John R. Field family, 20917 Meadowlark, found its home nearly demolished by fire when they returned from church Sunday morning.

City firemen were at the scene for nearly three hours. It apparently started in a utility room of the tri-level home, and spread to the upper story. Estimates of damages were close to \$30,000. The Fields' family dog was killed in the blaze.

Neighbors reported smoke seeping from under the rafters and reported it to the city police. Two pieces of equipment were sent to the scene at 11:30 a.m.

"It was in the walls when we got there. Fire spreads fast in tri-levels, because there is no fire break," a police spokesman said.

The Fields were staying with neighbors Monday, while they attempted to put together the shambles of their home.



THE JOHN FIELDS family, 20917 Meadowlark, was left temporarily homeless by a fire which swept their house while they were

at church Sunday morning. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

County plans trash station in this area

By W. W. EDGAR

FARMINGTON -- Construction of a transfer station in the Farmington community and a proposed one-mill county-wide tax to pay for the facilities are suggestions included in a study of solid waste disposal in Oakland County.

The plan was conceived by R. J. Alexander, head of the Oakland County Department of Public Works. The county has authorized Alexander to develop a county system rather than join in the seven county proposal put forth by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The county plan is looked upon favorably by both the City of Farmington and Farmington Hills. Hills City Manager George Hajaros said location of the transfer stations would have a lot to do with the community's attitude toward the proposal.

While no site has been selected, officially, for a transfer station, Robert Deadman, Farmington city manager, said great care would be taken in picking a site, and that it would be located somewhere in the central area of Farmington, just along the boundary between the two cities.

The complete county plan calls for several landfill sites, transfer stations and

one incinerator. The landfill site to handle the Farmington waste is to be located close to South Lyon on the north side of Eight Mile Rd.

Early estimates place the cost of the facilities at \$41 million. County officials are suggesting that the project be financed with a tax against property in most areas of Oakland County.

Exempted would be the City of Pontiac and those communities comprising the Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority, since they would not be using the facilities.

In his report to the city council, City Manager Dead-

man said the time for study is over, and with the aid of state legislation, a program should begin within the next two or three years to acquire disposal sites and construct an incinerator facility.

"It will take about a year to complete the construction plans and another two years to build the facility," Deadman said. "The facilities should be in operation inside of five years."

The Oakland Plan has been projected to 1995, and in that period the amount of solid waste in Farmington is expected to increase from the present 248 tons a day to 392 in 1980 and to 538 tons daily in 1995.

With the continuing growth of Farmington, Hills and the limited growth in the city, these figures could be far off the real tonnage in the next two decades.

That's why Deadman is anxious to get started and then meet the increases as they arrive.

Mrs. Rena Lamb dies

FARMINGTON -- Mrs. Rena Lamb, a lifelong resident of the Farmington area is dead at 87.

She died Friday in Botsford General Hospital, where she had been a patient for two weeks. Funeral services were held in the Thayer Funeral Home Monday with the Rev. John Howell and the Rev. Howard Snell of First United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating.

Mrs. Lamb born Rena Bachelor April 10, 1886, was the widow of Arthur Lamb, builder who served both as Farmington mayor and school board member.

They had been married more than 50 years when she died Oct. 31, 1973.

They had one daughter,

Mrs. Louis (Viola) White of Farmington. Mrs. Lamb also leaves two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Confined to a wheelchair during the last few years of her life, Mrs. Lamb kept a lively interest in the doings of her community and loved

Shiawassee stays open

FARMINGTON -- Shiawassee between Nine Mile and Middle Belt, now a dusty track which is the only northerly outlet for Tulane, will stay open.

A vacation hearing on the short section of street, which has been the subject of efforts to close it for several years, ended with denial of the petitioner's request.

visits from the children who lived near her home at 33204 Oakland.

For many years she was in charge of maintaining the North Farmington cemetery. She was a life member of Order of Eastern Star 239 and of the Farmington Trinity Shrine.

Residents in the area were divided, with several mothers concerned about access for school buses, and homeowners near the street in favor of the closing, mainly because of the poor condition of the street.

"I hope this action is not the end of our alternatives," Councilman Frederick Lichman said.

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