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## Town Hall series ends before it starts

By LORAIN McCLISH  
The Town Hall lecture series which started in Detroit about 25 years ago, spread to dozens of metropolitan communities and supported hundreds of charities has found itself a target of change and a sign of the times.

The Farmington Town Hall, sponsored by the Farmington Soroptimist Club and doing a booming business for many years, returned checks with letters of regret stating this season's lectures were cancelled "for reasons beyond our control."

The local series followed on the heels of the Royal Oak Town Hall, the first to fold up in the southern part of Oakland County.

In Rochester, the Crittenton Series, sponsored by the Crittenton Hospital Auxiliary, is continuing with a reduced number of lectures and some bigger names to beef up the sales.

The Birmingham Town Hall, now in its 21st year and one of the oldest in the nation, sponsored by the St. Anne Guild of St. James Church, has dropped its Friday lecture. It will continue with the Thursday lecture only, doing just half the business it did in years past.

The Northville Town Hall Series, sponsored by Our Lady's League of Our Lady of Victory Church is still hanging in there.

The Northville group, which pre-

sents its lectures in Madonna College Auditorium in Livonia, sent out brochures Tuesday along with the Soroptimists' letters of regret and returned checks.

THE MAILING was done with the blessings of the Soroptimists, whose spokesman, Dorothy Oglesby said, "We simply did not get the response we needed to carry on. We make a profit only to give it back to the community and when we can't do that, it's a waste."

One half of the profits that Northville Town Hall makes goes to the church; the other half is giving out to charities in five surrounding towns.

New Horizons in Farmington has benefited the past few years by receiving sums of money as gifts from Northville Town Hall, and last year Community Living Centers, Inc., in Farmington, was a recipient of a money gift from that organization.

The heads of Town Halls offered some possible reasons for the switch in interests.

"They can see and hear these people on TV now. They don't have to come out to see them."

"Women are going back to school now in great numbers and, or they are going back to work."

"Everybody is enrolled in an arts or crafts class these days. They are hooking rugs, coloring eggs, doing needlework, something."



BILL KEANE



WILLIAM ALBRIGHT



NANCY DICKERSON



JOE CALLAWAY

"It's the price. Our price goes up when the theatre rental goes up. The price of the performers is up. The price of their travel expenses is up. The cost of our (celebrity) luncheons is up. Add that to the cost of possibly paying for a baby sitter and it gets to be an expense way to spend a morning."

"Women's interests are changing. They don't have big heroes to worship anymore. The day of the movie idol is pretty much over. They are not out hanging on to somebody else's words. They are out and doing for themselves. Women's Lib! Guess."

"Our regulars have either retired or moved. The younger ones, the newcomers aren't filling the gap."

THE NORTHVILLE Town Hall Series ticket sales is down, but the group is carrying on with business as usual at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10 when the 1974-75 program leads off with Nancy Dickerson, one of the nation's top news correspondents.

Ms. Dickerson was the only woman of the four network correspondents participating in the historic "Conversation with The President" a live one hour interview

with former President Nixon. She is now a full-fledged producer for CBS News and special events programs.

William Albright comes to the Northville Town Hall on Nov. 14. The composer has produced works for almost every medium, several of which involve electronic, visual and theatrical elements. He is presently assistant professor of composition at the University of Michigan and Associate Director of the Electronic Music Studio at the university.

Joe Callaway will appear on March 13. He is a fast talking, joke cracking critic, lecturer, actor and

director who has been seen in every entertainment media.

The series concludes with Bill Keane on April 10. The self-taught cartoonist is the creator of "Family Circus."

All lectures in the series are followed by a celebrity luncheon, which this season will be held in Farmington's Holiday Inn.

Baby sitters for ticket holders are available by calling Mrs. John Stuart, at 349-4168.

Series tickets are \$12 and are available by writing Northville Town Hall, Box 93, Northville, 48167, or calling Mrs. Richard Booms at 349-0170.



New Lions, Tom Sweeney, treasurer; Jerry Cunningham, president; and Chet McLaurin, secretary, will be working with new projects. (Evert photo)



HOME  
**Exploring the home**  
The Observer & Eccentric's special HOME section is included with this week's edition. Exploring the interior and exterior world of the home is the theme. Searching for America's Heritage or Contemporary Chic is discussed verbally and graphically. The index on page 4 of the section will help you through the house tour.

## New Lions Club organized: aims to help handicapped

By DIANE HUBEL  
FARMINGTON—Farmington residents interested in community and humanitarian service now have a new outlet for their concern—the Farmington Community Lions Club.

The new Lions Club, which will be a breakfast club, is the second Lions Club to be formed in the Farmington area.

Although they have just started holding their regular meetings, the organization is already in the midst of their first service project.

They are currently conducting a drive to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which will be sent overseas through the World Medical Relief.

One of the depositories for the eyeglasses and hearing aids is Jerry's Bookstore, 23823 Farmington Rd.

JERRY CUNNINGHAM, the owner of the bookstore, and the president of the new organization said, "The response to the project has been very enthusiastic so far. We have collected

several glasses and we certainly intend to continue the project."

The new Lions Club will be meeting at the Farmington Holiday Inn, on Tuesdays at 8 a.m.

Although there is already one Lions club in the area the organizers of the new club thought the community could benefit from the second one.

"In the first place the other Farmington Lions club meets in the evening and we meet in the mornings," Cunningham said.

"Now people who could not attend the night meetings will have an opportunity to join the organization. Actually, it is not at all unusual for a community to have more than one Lions Club. Detroit, for example, has 18."

"As the community grows, there is a greater need for leadership in service minded organizations, and there are more things that need to be done."

The organization's first officers will be installed at the club's charter night, Oct. 12.

According to Cunningham, representatives from all the Lions Clubs in the district will attend.

Cunningham said he expects over 400 people to attend the ceremonies.

THE LIONS CLUB, which is the world's largest service organization, is currently active in 149 countries.

Although the organization is most commonly associated with the work they do with the blind, they are also active in many other community and humanitarian services.

Cunningham said, "We are interested in serving the blind, the deaf, the mentally or physically handicapped, the aged, as well as the entire community in general."

The Farmington organization will be officially known as the Farmington Community Lions.

According to Cunningham, "the organization is open to any man between the ages of 18 and 100 who is

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## Hills park sale is turned down

FARMINGTON HILLS — A request by the Shrine organization, Moslem Temple to buy five acres of land, which comprise the township park, has been turned down by the Farmington Hills council.

According to a memo sent to the city clerk the Shriners have recently acquired the Glen Oaks Country Club and was interested in buying the five acres adjacent to the golf course.

The Hills council held a meeting following its regular meeting Monday night and decided against selling the property.

"Since we are trying to get more parks and park land, it didn't seem like a good idea to sell the park land we do have," George Majoros, city manager said.

IN OTHER action the council adopted an amendment to the penal code which would add provi-

sions to control noise pollution.

The amendments would make it unlawful for any person to "unreasonable annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, and repose of people in the community."

It also regulates the construction noise by stating that no noise louder than the noise normally made at any location would be allowed except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The ordinance also has an extensive section covering the loading and unloading of trucks.

It limits truck loading and unloading to the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and prohibits it completely on Sundays, when the loading is taking place within 500 feet of any dwelling.

The ordinance also requires the truckers to turn off the truck engine during the time they are loading or unloading if it takes more than 20 minutes.

## 2 are injured at furnace fire

FARMINGTON — Firemen from both Farmington and Farmington Hills fought a fire in a Farmington home, Monday evening, which left two people injured, and caused extensive interior damage to the house.

The owner of the house, Warren Perkins Jr., 33138 Maplenut, suffered burns to both hands when the gas forced air furnace he was attempting to light exploded.

Later Officer Peter Amato, of the Farmington Public Safety Department sustained minor injuries when a hot window exploded after it was hit with the cold water from the fire hose.

The fire which started as a re-

sult of the furnace explosion, spread to some rugs near the furnace, then to some curtains, and up the interior walls of the house.

According to the police the fire eventually spread throughout the entire house, causing extensive interior damage.

The Farmington Public Safety Officers who responded to the call, requested assistance from the Farmington Hills volunteer fire department, station one.

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