

# Dinan Calls On Man And God On Floods

A multi-pronged engineering study—and prayer—were offered by Farmington City Manager John D. Dinan Monday night to the city council as serious as that which struck the area a week ago.

Dinan cited statistics showing that 4.75 inches of rain fell within six hours June 25—"a record that has not been surpassed since the rain records began in the Detroit area in 1900."

AFTER TELLING OF numerous engineering steps he has taken to cure flood problems in areas hit the hardest by the torrential intensity of the storm, Dinan declared:

"Lastly, we pray that we do not set any new records for rain intensity or qualify for another 100-year storm frequency."

Most storm damage from high water occurred in the areas of the Rouge River valley and the Alta Loma and Bel Aire subdivisions, said the city manager. About a dozen residents

from these sections were in the audience to hear his report at Monday's council session and accepted the steps he has recommended without protest.

"In analyzing our situation for Alta Loma, we must improve the open drainage ditching on Gill Rd. from the Woodcroft subdivision to Freedom Dr. and then west from there with a proper storm outlet," he said.

"Our city engineers are making a study of this possible diversion to eliminate the surface water problem. We anticipate being in a position to initiate a widening and deepening of the ditches on Gill Rd. and Freedom Dr. within the next 60 days."

"We also are having our engineers investigate the possibility of diverting excessive storm water from north of 10 Mile Rd. that naturally flows into the Bel Aire subdivision. Because of existing terrain, this may be more difficult."

"WE ALSO are planning to

have our engineers look at our present methods of outlets into the Rouge River to see whether there is some other bypass that can be utilized in discharging our storm water into the stream when the existing outlets are fully submerged.

"We also plan on establishing a trained crew among members of the Department of Public Works to provide constant surveillance of existing bridges and culverts during heavy storm periods to detect any blockage or obstructions that can be immediately removed."

The largest previous flood ever recorded in Farmington prior to last week brought a rainfall of 2.97 inches over a two-day period in April, 1947, said the city manager. He promised to submit to the council a series of engineering reports in the immediate future to show costs and details of his proposed corrective steps.

## Thieves Hit Township Bank Safe

A mobile trailer serving as a branch of the Manufacturers National Bank at 37300 Grand River Ave., near Halsted Rd. in Farmington Township, was the target last weekend of unknown thieves who escaped with more than \$600.

Township police reported that Assistant Manager Robert Puch discovered at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30, that the trailer had been broken into sometime during the preceding 24 hours.

Police said it appeared that a crowbar had been used to gain entry, and that a cabinet-type safe had been dragged outside and left in nearby bushes after it had been rifled of its contents.

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## Kendallwood Plans Old Fashioned Fourth Fete

What present-era granddads remember as an "old fashioned Fourth" will be observed in at least a portion of the Farmington area Thursday on occasion of the nation's 192nd anniversary of independence.

Official sources say that a full-fledged community celebration of Independence Day would fall flat because of the brief period between the Memorial Day observance and the annual Founders Festival the last weekend of July.

Nevertheless, for several years public-spirited residents of the Kendallwood and Colony Park subdivisions have taken the bit by themselves and have attempted to recreate some of the atmosphere which once made the Fourth of July oratory the climax of the summer.

In the old days, along with the fireworks and parade, the game and the graced-pitch chase, there was the inevitable and flowery Fourth of July oratory. In the Kendallwood-Colony Park planning for 1968, none has been overlooked.

United States Senator Philip A. Hart, who has represented Michigan in the nation's capital for a decade, will be present to add the oratorical tradition at 11:20 a.m. Thursday at Wooddale School, located in the heart of the two subdivisions between 12 and 13 Mile Rds., west of Farmington Rd.

committees include Robert Nelson, John Pusabari, Reginald Sandey, Andrew Wittwer, Edward Shields, James Borland, Joseph Ziska and Jack Allman. It is their purpose that through the theme the celebration will be given real meaning, a meaning that July 4 should be celebrated as the nation's birthday party rather than a highway holocaust.

General Chairman is Jack E. McMann, Chairman of sub-

## Sign Me Up!

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## local news happenings

Mrs. Philip Thomas is currently visiting her mother and other relatives in Pasadena, Calif. Two of her children, Ronnie and Joelle, are with her for a three week vacation. The other children remained at home with their Dad and Grandma Thomas.

MRS. HELEN TRASKOS and daughter, Yvonne, formerly of Southfield, are new residents of Gary Dr. Miss Traskos is a bookkeeper for a C. F. A. in Detroit.

Mrs. John Haidar, of Orchard Lake Rd., arrived home by jet recently from a three month visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haidar, of Beirut, Lebanon. Mrs. Haidar also visited her sister and three brothers. This was her first visit in nine years. She also visited her husband's 51 nephews and nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Martin, of North Palm Beach, Fla. are visiting Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Luther Martin, and many other relatives in the Farmington area. Mrs. Martin is the former Evelyn Hamlin.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY LE-

mon, and children, Lisa and Lance, former Farmington residents, have purchased a home on Carrol Lake in the suburb of Union Lake. They both are graduates of Farmington High School.

Mrs. George Marcus, of Saratoga Fla., is enjoying an extended vacation with her parents in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Banks, of 32385 Cloverdale, recently enjoyed a holiday in Las Vegas, staying in the Flamingo Hotel on the famed "Strip."

## Wood Creek Farms

ANNE M. PHILLIPS  
MA, 6435  
The Altar Society of St. Columban's Church sponsored a picnic for some inmates of Pontiac State Hospital, by bus, 33 patients, with farse and attendants, drove down to the McKays', one of the loveliest spots in Wood Creek on one of the most beautiful days of June. It was last week, June 19, that they enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch and the beauty of those surroundings.

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## Trena Can't Sleep In

One of Farmington's best known women showered and dressed quickly Monday morning, and then went back to bed when she remembered that for the first time in 16 years she didn't have to report for work.

This was former City Clerk Trena M. Quinn in her first day of retirement.

Before the day had ended, however, Mrs. Quinn did visit the familiar surroundings of City Hall, and when she did, it was to receive the official accolade of the municipality she had served for those 16 years. Mayor Wilbur V. Brobertson led a standing ovation for the retired clerk after presenting her a plaque complimenting her for her years of outstanding service.

"I accept this with all humility for having been accorded this honor by the nicest little city in the United States," Mrs. Quinn told the mayor and council.

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