

# Hills council eyes McConnell replacement

Farmington Hills residents Monday will have an opportunity to look over the first of the upcoming vacancy on the city council.

Earlier this month, the council narrowed the list of candidates from 23 applicants to seven. At the Jan. 3 meeting, each of the seven will be interviewed by the council at city hall.

The vacancy will be created by the forthcoming resignation of Councilman Robert McConnell, who next month will take his

new seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The remaining six councilmembers will select his replacement.

The seven candidates are Robert Amore, Robert Barton, Bernard Christy, George Glicky, Paul Grigolo, Robert Harkness, and Ben Markes.

**AMORE IS PRESIDENT** of the Penguin Oil Co. and vice president of the Michigan Petroleum Association. He is a member of

the city's planning commission and a resident of Independence Common subdivision. He has served as a member of the subdivision homeowners association. He also has sat on the board of directors of the Farmington Community Center.

He is past president of the Our Lady of Sorrows church council.

**BARTON IS PAST PRESIDENT** of the Springfield Homeowners Association and is a member of the ad hoc committee to in-

crease voter participation. He also serves on the board of the council of homeowners.

**CHRISTY IS THE ONLY** candidate finalist who previously was a candidate in a Farmington Hills city council election. A retired manager at the Chevrolet Motor Division, he has lived in the community for 20 years and has been active in suburban associations and the police and fire departments.

**Glicky IS VICE PRESIDENT** AND

general manager of Detroit operations for the Gulf and Western Industries. He lives on Belmont Drive in Suman Acres subdivision.

**GRIGOLO** is an international consulting engineer for Ford Motor Co. and is president of the Springfield subdivision.

**HARKNESS IS AN ATTORNEY** and is on the Farmington Hills Unemployment Appeals Board. He also is on the appeals board for the Michigan Employment Secu-

ity Commission and is president of the Woodcreek Parent-Teachers Organization. He is chairman of the Forest Brook-Pebble Brook subdivision association and chairman for the Wayne County Social Services Board.

**MARKES IS CO-FOUNDER** of the Council of Homeowners and past chairman of the Builders Board of Appeals. He was also a member of the Farmington Hills Charter Commission. Presently, he is chairman of the Housing Commission.

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Four Farmington students decided to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the hill next to the school district administration building. Screaming their way down the slope are: Cindy Stone, a Mercy High School soph-

omore; Kathy Delaney, a Harrison High School sophomore; Trisha Schneider, a Mercy sophomore; and Kevon Honaker, a junior at Farmington High School. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Life style change seen in future energy crunch

Farmington area residents at the turn of the next century will be forced to change their life styles in order to conserve precious fuel.

That's the word from Michigan State University's Center for Environmental Quality's Dr. Herman Koenig.

And for the most part, Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman agrees with the assumption.

Both men concede that the world's fuel supply is dwindling and that alternative sources should be found.

Evidence mounts daily in support of the hypothesis that alternative sources of energy can't be developed at a rate commensurate with the decline of petroleum and natural gas and that energy resources will never again be as abundant as they have been during recent decades," Koenig said.

Deadman agrees that the sources of fuel that world is presently using may not last indefinitely.

**"ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE FOUND."** It's well documented that fossil fuels are diminishing in the future. There is no question that we will have to develop alternative sources of energy," Deadman said.

In terms of cost, the energy crunch is affecting us already. We all went through it in 1974," he said.

At that time, the city had trouble with purchasing enough gasoline for its vehicles, he remembered.

"It was a question of whether we'd get it or not. Eventually we did, but we didn't really know if we would be able to get enough fuel for a while.

It may be a taste of things to come," he said.

By the turn of the century, Koenig conjectures, that hard to obtain gasoline could be costing consumers as much as \$5 a gallon, instead of 40 cents.

"How much did 60 cents buy 30 years ago?" Deadman said. "Koenig's putting a little inflation into that figure as well."

Whether it costs 60 cents or \$5, gasoline along with other forms of fuel will have to be replaced or rationed.

While Deadman agrees that fuel use choices will have to be made, Koenig says the question boils down to a decision between using solar or nuclear energy.

**"BY SOLAR ENERGY,** I include bio-degrading and burning of wood, crop residues as well as solar radiation and wind," Koenig said.

But solar energy has its drawbacks. It's difficult to concentrate, difficult to transform into mechanical work as required for tillage and transportation, he explained.

"Many forms of solar energy are not really suited to transform into mechanical work," he said.

Nuclear energy, in the form of a breeder reactor, using uranium is an alternative to the solar form of energy.

"But there are socially perceived problems of safety, fuel processing and transport and residue disposal yet to be dealt with," Koenig said.

Koenig predicts that the fuel crunch will force people to live in medium sized cities near their places of employment. A green belt would exist near the cities.

Although Deadman can't foresee life

changing that drastically, he does believe that people will use both nuclear and solar energy, depending upon which section of the country they live.

But energy conservation begins at home.

**"CONSERVATION WILL be forced on people,"** Deadman said. "It's not a matter of choice if alternative sources are developed."

"It may not be so bad if they can develop alternative sources which provide the same level of service as the other sources did," he said.

Koenig also advocates a more efficient use of the fuel sources which are available.

"Our only hope of maintaining our standard of living in the decades immediately ahead is to use what we have more efficiently," he said. "Since rather dramatic increases in the real cost of energy are inevitable, it is only by using what we now have more efficiently that we have a chance of maintaining our standard of living."

Right now, Farmington is trying to conserve fuel by giving its police department smaller cars and changing the Department of Public Works vehicles from eight cylinder engines to six cylinder, according to Deadman.

Even the thermostat in city hall has been turned down to 70 degrees.

Residents are invited to join in the effort by using fertilizer which the city has made through its least recycling program. Fertilizer takes a lot of energy to make, Deadman said.

## Ann Ogden goes to D.C.

### Serving community is her goal

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When Ann Ogden went to Washington D.C. for her senior class trip in 1963, she never dreamed that someday she would be one of those persons on Capitol Hill instrumental in keeping the wheels of the national legislature turning.

But, beginning in January the 29-year-old Farmington resident will pack her bags and be off to the nation's capital to work in Congressman William Broadhead's office. For the past two years she has been working as an aide at the Democratic legislator's 17th Congressional office in Redford Township.

Last month Broadhead asked her to join his Washington staff.

"I'm really looking forward to this opportunity because now I'll be able to work with Bill on a one-on-one basis. Washington is a whole different world. I can't think of anything more exciting I could be doing," says Ms. Ogden, who first became involved in politics during the McGovern presidential campaign in 1972.

Ms. Ogden's rise through the political ranks is proof that a person doesn't need a lot of money or a PhD to have influence in government. A high school graduate, she originally worked at the Arco Steel Corp. in Midtown, Ohio, before moving to the Farmington area in 1969.

Slowly she became involved in the political scene, first as a volunteer, and before she realized it, the main part of her life was taken up with political activity.

"I first worked in the press relations section with the Michigan McGovern campaign. It afforded me the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people like George McGovern and Gene McCarthy."

"I didn't want to work fulltime so I spent my time from 4 p.m. to midnight working on the campaign," she says.

But after the losing effort by McGovern she became restless. She soon found her self on the executive board of the 17th District Democratic organization and also the vice chairman of the district's liberal conference.

**"I WAS THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES** that she met Broadhead, who at the time was a state representative from Detroit.

"I couldn't stay away from politics. I saw a lot of things that could be changed. People needed a legislator who was more responsive to their needs. One way for me to help was to get involved and stay aware."

Ms. Ogden was in from the ground floor when Michigan's surprise primary victory in 1972 over such top name candidates as Detroit School Board Trustee Pat McDonald

and Wayne County Commissioner William Fitzpatrick.

On Jan. 2, 1973 we came to the office in our jeans and cleaned it up. The next day we opened for business," she recalls.

Since then the days have been busy ones for Ms. Ogden. Although the office's business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., she finds that many times her work runs into the evening hours, sometimes with unexpected surprises attached.

One instance she recalls is the surprise investigation of the bulk mail facilities at the Fort Street post office and the Allen Park center.

Broadhead is on the house post office subcommittee, but was unavailable to join congressional officials on the road. Ms. Ogden was recruited to replace him.

"We had the post office about 10-15 30 p.m. Believe me, postal facilities at the time were very surprised to see us. They didn't even know who U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson was," she says.

Wilson is the chairman of the subcommittee.

The legislative team found bills full of

clashes, books, records and first class mail that had been thrown aside without any attempt to get it to its destination.

But most of her work has dealt with cutting time for constituents who don't know where to turn.

She handles applications for the military service academies, replies to correspondence coming to the office and makes sure that constituents put in touch with the right bureau so they can get a problem solved.

**"IT REALLY MAKES YOU feel good** when you know that you've helped somebody resolve a problem. Sometimes it's frustrating because you can't always solve everyone's problem. But we do the best that we can," she says.

Although this will be her first permanent position in Washington, MS. Ogden has traveled to the capital many times before to aid Broadhead in his work. One experience, he will always recall.

"It's the time that I met Paul Newman," she said with a smile.

Newman was testifying on an environmental problem before a committee on

## Cabs run on New Year's Eve

Although insurance was cancelled on 1500 Detroit metropolitan taxi cabs effective Jan. 1, you'll still be able to get a cab New Year's Eve.

"We've received assurances that we'll be able to roll," said Vern Foster, president of Northwest Transport, which operates 42 cabs in Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth and the Farmington area.

Meeting Thursday Dec. 28, State Insurance Commissioner Thomas Jones and the insurance board assigned all taxis to the risk category pool usually reserved for high-risk drivers, for a six-month period as a temporary solution to the insurance dilemma.

Renewal Insurance Co. of Birmingham, Ala. gave notice of cancellation to the southeastern Michigan cabs because of Michigan's unlimited medical coverage over no-fault insurance, according to Foster.

"Our insurance through the pool will be

20 to 30 per cent higher, but at least we'll be able to run our business," he said.

Northwest Transport operates Suburban Taxi, Checker Cab, and the Garden City-Westland cabs of Yellow and Red. Foster has charged up 12,000 hours of continuous operation, serving this area for 18 years.

**BECAUSE STONEWALL CO.** has refused to release low-ratio figures to the Michigan Taxicab Association, cab owners cannot receive insurance through another underwriter, said Foster.

"Without those low-ratio figures, we're helpless to go anywhere except the pool," said Foster.

An action against the insurance company, asking for the low-ratio figures as well as a 60-day extension of insurance, has been requested, and a hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 30.

"We'll be going to the courts and the legislature for some relief," said Foster.

Taxicab owners want cabs to be included

which Broadhead was serving.

"We were waiting in a staff committee room when our comes Paul Newman. He walked up to me and asked, 'Excuse me, can you tell me where the bathroom is?'"

But that wasn't the end to her encounter (on returning, the blue-eyed movie star managed to trip and step on Ms. Ogden's foot).

"He said, 'did I hurt you?' but all I kept thinking was I can't believe this is happening," she says.

By the time I got back to the office everyone had heard about the incident, and they never let me forget."

Though politically active in her job, she hasn't any ambitions to be an elected official.

"I am better behind the scenes. What I do in Bill's name is very important. Besides, this job gives me the opportunity to look at all the aspects of life," she says.

"In some small way I feel I'm helping to make changes in the history of this country."

Ms. Ogden is looking forward to her Washington foray, saying that she will attend the presidential inauguration and see as much of the culture and history of the famous city that time will allow.

"But, you know, it's a funny thing. I really like the Detroit area, and someday I know I will want to return."

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