



Alabama exchanges

Keith Dreyer (left), a 1976 graduate of North Farmington High School, and his friend, Harvey Collins, who attended NFHS in his sophomore year, had an opportunity to meet Gov. George Wallace on a recent visit to Alabama's state capital, Montgomery. Dreyer made a recent trip to Apetika, Ala., to visit

Collins, and the duo hope to arrange a meeting with President Jimmy Carter this upcoming summer. Dreyer is presently enrolled at Michigan State University as a pre-med student and is interested in student and governmental actions.

Rebate program continued for Hills landowners

Some Farmington Hills landowners could be receiving their share of \$190,000 in June during the second phase of the city's \$1 million tax rebate program.

Farmington Hills City Council will discuss the second step in the rebate program during its Monday meeting. The returns, part of a program which began last September, are a result of Farmington Township selling water and sewer bonds at a lower rate of interest than expected.

The bonds were sold in 1963-67 but the present property owners will receive the refunds.

"We're looking at refunding \$190,000 to about nine additional districts this spring. Things have moved faster in this program than we originally anticipated," said Farmington Hills Finance Director Girard Miller.

"We're giving the money back a little earlier than we expected in some cases," he said.

PROPERTY OWNERS will receive between \$18 and \$300 from the city through the program. This time, homeowners will be receiving smaller checks than those handed out in September.

The difference stems from the dates the bonds were sold in a particular district, according to Girard.

"The last time there was a more uniform amount given out. The districts weren't scattered."

"This time, the money goes all over the place. The districts are scattered," he said.

"The dates the bonds were sold affect the interest accrued on them," he said. "Also certain subdivisions with higher turnover rates, paid the assessments earlier."

It will take the finance department and the Lottis Title Company, of Troy about two to three months to search

out the owners in the target districts. The program should be easier to carry out the second time, according to Miller.

"Our greater problems were passed over in the fall," he said. "Last time, we were dealing with oil water districts which assessed everyone a different amount. This time, we're dealing with more uniform payments."

"WE'RE BEYOND THE WORST," he said.

September's program released about \$800,000 to owners of 3,400 parcels.

AAUW to discuss women and finance

The Farmington Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will discuss women and finance when it meets at 10 a.m. Feb. 16 in North Farmington Baptist Church.

Guest speakers are Martha Runnels and Robert Kipp, both of Detroit Bank and Trust, who will answer ques-

The city will continue to follow its policy of paying the present owner of the property. The previous owners should have made up the amount paid in assessments through the price they received when selling their home, Miller explained.

Payments will be made strictly upon the basis of a title search, according to Miller.

"In case of a land contract, we make the check co-payable to the sellers and the purchasers in the contract," he said.

tions after their presentation.

Babysitting arrangements may be made with Rita Margherio, 851-4550.

The AAUW welcomes women with at least a bachelor's degree to join the group. Membership information is available by calling Mary Lou White, 476-3822.

Mall merchants elect directors

Orchard Mall Merchants Association held its annual general meeting last week in Stafford's in the Maple and Orchard Lake Road mall.

Seven members were elected to the board of directors.

They are: Howard Efros of Efros Drugs, James May of All for Learning, Sam Veillette of Veillette Haircutters, Maureen Sillman of Bookpeople, Eleanor Lakin of Call It Love, Kevin Lewis of Beckwith Evans and Sue Roberts, mail manager.

Library grant aids handicapped

Patrons of the Farmington Hills Community's library for the blind and physically handicapped will have a few extra hours to choose the week's reading if the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approves an additional \$7,300 for the service's budget.

The move toward a budget increase was prompted by the rising number of patrons the library is serving.

"There are only nine sub-regional li-

braries in the state which serve the blind and the handicapped," explained Robert McConnell (R-Farmington), Oakland County commissioner.

The one (library) for Oakland County is located in the Hills library. It serves the needs of the entire county," he said.

"The money will allow the library to remain open for a few extra hours."

The increase would give that li-

brary \$23,000 in its 1977 budget.

THE ONE PROFESSIONAL librarian for the Oakland County service would be able to work 30 hours per week instead of 20, if the additional funds are approved.

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The library's patronage has increased more than 100 per cent, according to Mrs. Beverly Patai, who is the service's regular librarian.

"We have a potential 25,000 patrons in Oakland County," she said.

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