Farmington water loss mystery causes city to hire experts

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A \$14,000 water hunt is being launched by the City of Farmington to find out why the municipality has lost 145,000 gallons since the beginning of 1978.
The loss has cost the city \$25,700, according to City Manager Bob 'Deadman.
"The Water and Sewer Department has attempted to locate, without success, a water main break which could explain the water loss," Deadman told the city council Monday Night.
"The department also has checked the accuracy of the meters to large water users on the system. These large meters appear to be accurately recording water flow.

The average Joss under normal conditions for such a system is nine to 10 percent, says Deadman. At present, the city is experiencing a 23.8 per cent average loss since the beginning of 1978.

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pairs necessary to correct the leaks that are discovered by the consultant, we believe the cost of consulting engineers and the repairs can be amortized within two years, "he said.

The city has set aside \$20,000 for such repairs. Originally, the city had suspected that the City of Detroit was overcharging Farmington because of incorrect meter-readings. Farmington buys its water from Detroit. But since that time Farmington and Detroit officials have worked together in determining if it was, indeed, a meter reading error. "Detroit has attempted to cooperate in an effort to determine if the city's master meter was providing incorrect readings or if our city had a water problem internally in its water distri-bution system," said Deadman.

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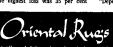




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