

Farmington manages to escape major ice damage

Farmington residents will be paying a \$19,000 bill for manpower and equipment as a result of last week's ice storm, according to City Manager Bob Deadman.

In a report to city council this week,

Deadman told city legislators that considering the storm's intensity, there were few major problems and no deaths were reported.

"Although the city hall offices were closed, we maintained the switchboard

operation so we could provide our citizens with needed information," he said. Full service for city residents was restored April 11, he said.

The first downed wires were reported to the Public Safety Department at

5:16 p.m. April 8, according to Deadman. By 7 p.m. the same evening, the department made an initial call-back of off-duty officers to assist in handling the workload.

By 10:30 p.m. approximately 80 per-

cent of the city had lost electrical power, Deadman said. The Department of Public Safety spent the evening and the next day clearing fallen debris from the streets.

"Before the ice storm was over, the department responded to more than 69 downed and hot wire calls, one house fire and several minor fires," he said.

The only subdivisions which maintained power throughout the storm were Floral Park and Warner Farms.

The city's water pressure proved to be one of the biggest problems when the city's water pumping stations lost power.

By late Monday, Deadman said the city's water pressure was "critically" low.

"To add additional pressure to our system, the metered valves between our city and Oakland County were

opened during the evening hours on Monday which allowed the city to fill its water storage tank and increase its water pressure," he said.

Because the sewer lift stations also were without power, the city's sewage flowed into the upper branch of the Rouge River, he said.

Farmington residents were among the 250 persons who took advantage of two shelters at area schools for food and shelter.

While saying that the city's personnel responded adequately to the emergency, a study will be made for future emergencies.

"As a result of this storm, the administration is reviewing its emergency procedures and our capability of providing vital services during extended periods of electrical power loss," he said.

Obituaries

HARRY J. DURBIN

Mr. Durbin, 87, died April 6, in Jacksonville, Fla.

A Farmington area resident before he retired to Florida 10 years ago, Mr. Durbin was one of the founding mem-

bers of the trades association known as the Builder Association of Southeastern Michigan. He was involved in the beginning of the National Association of Home Builders.

He was the founder and president of Durbin Builders Inc. from 1929-1950.

In 1950, he became director secretary of the Detroit Housing Commission. He served that post until 1960.

He was president of Detroit area builder's association in 1940 and became president of the national organization in 1941.

He was a member of the NAHB Hall of Fame, a life member of the Universal Lotus Lodge 593 of the Masons and the Modern Temple Shrine and a member of the George Washington post and veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include sons, Ralph and Leo, 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on April 11 in McCabe Funeral Home of Farmington Hills. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

LUCILLE D. GINGERICH

Mrs. Gingerich, 66, died April 7, in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Daughters of the Confederacy, Eastern Star, National Teachers' Association and the Methodist Church.

She attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma. She taught school in Newark, New Jersey and in Farmington, Michigan.

Survivors include: son, John of West Bloomfield; daughter Barbara Rivas of Lagoven, Venezuela; five sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted on April 11 in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Unemployment credits are preserved for ill

A bill preserving unemployment credit weeks for ill or injured individuals was approved by the Michigan House of Representatives, recently.

Sponsored by state representative Sandy Brotherton (R-Farmington), the bill revises the unemployment compensation system to require the Employment Security Commission to freeze benefits so an ill or injured person may collect them when he or she is once more able to seek work. The legislation also covers employees receiving workers' compensation and those who collect some sort of disability benefits.

The present system prohibits persons from receiving unemployment benefits unless they are able and actively seeking work. Persons who qualify for benefits receive them for a prescribed pe-

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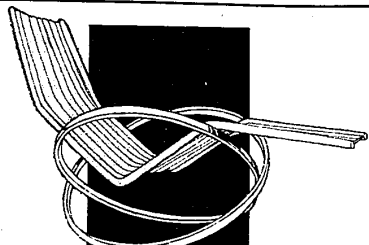
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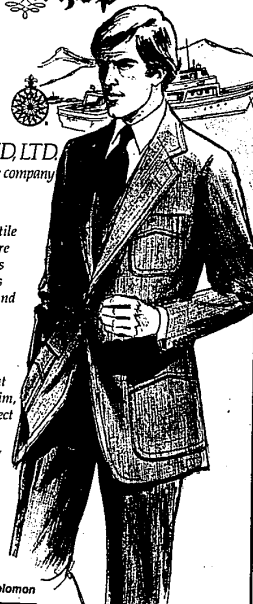
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