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Senate Passes At-Large Vote Bill

State Sen. Carl Pursell's (R-Plymouth) bill calling for an at-large election of trustees for Schoolcraft College was overwhelmingly passed Tuesday by 30-1. Pursell said a similar House bill will be introduced this week. An amendment to the bill calls for the elections in November of 1973 in keeping with the odd-year plan for local elections.

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School Candidates

Six candidates have filed for the one position open on the Farmington Board of Education. The background appears inside on two candidates who announced their candidacy before Monday's deadline.

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Austin Appearing

Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin has accepted an invitation to appear in the Memorial Day Parade in Farmington and will be joined by the USAF deputy chief of staff, the Air Force Band, and seven generals among other dignitaries.

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Michigan Week Here

Michigan Week is being observed in Farmington this week and events held so far include dedication of the Drake Road Park and opening of the baseball season on Community Pride Day and Mayor's Exchange Day. Pictorial coverage of these events can be found inside.

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Council Alters Paving Plans To Save Old Maple Tree

The old maple tree on Gill Rd. has been saved by a decision Monday night by the Farmington City Council to alter engineer's paving plans.

The alternate plan will cost the city \$11,000, but there will be storm drainage improvements realized in addition to the tree being allowed to stand.

The plan was approved by councilmen in front of a group of residents and high school students who intended to make vocal pleas but never got the chance.

The council approved the plan to save the tree and the audience left satisfied without speaking.

PLANS FOR the tree to be removed to pave Gill Rd. had caused a furor among neighbors who organized a demonstration last week and obtained petitions to save the tree.

Richard Klinkman, whose property at 23080 Gill is adjacent to the tree, had obtained an attorney who got a court injunction preventing the city from removing the maple until a hearing was held.

Klinkman's attorney, James E. Wells, consulted with City Manager John Dinan before Monday's council session and was back Tuesday morning to sign the necessary formal agreements. Wells was present Monday night in a blue and white pinstripe with a red, white and blue wide tie with stars.

6 File For One Position

Six candidates have filed for the one four-year term for the Farmington Board of Education to be decided on the June 14 ballot.

Five of the six filed on Monday before 4 p.m., the filing deadline for board candidates.

FIRST TO file and announce was Albert A. Darian of 24605 Glen Orchard Dr. Darian is an engineer who says he is running because he feels his knowledge in construction methods can help the district.

Another candidate, David L. Kevelighan of 25714 Castlereigh, decided to run because of material circulated by persons lacking recall of four of the current school board members.

Kevelighan taught for seven years at North Farmington High, is now a practicing attorney, and has support from individual members of the Farmington Area Jaycees.

A THIRD candidate, Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan of 23955 Drake, is the candidate chosen by the Farmington Parents for a Responsible School Board.

Announcement of Mrs. Brennan's candidacy was made by Dr. Donald Kenney, chairman of the above ad hoc committee which is organizing the recall drive. She is a former school board member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish and served that board as secretary.

Last week, a spokesman for the recall committee said they were considering at least five candidates and would decide on a single candidate before Monday's filing deadline.

Other candidates who filed petitions Monday were: Dr. Mervyn B. Ross, MD, who lives at 31152 Carriage Hill Ct.; Glenn A. Tinkham of 22783 Manning; and Charles Weston of 29009 Briarton. Information on Ross, Tinkham and Weston was not immediately available.

THE SETTLEMENT which redeemed the tree's life involves relocating paving 7½ feet west of where it was earlier planned to be laid.

The relocation moves the pavement 6½ feet from the tree, and elevations were adjusted so the paving only extends 12 inches below ground surface to avoid disturbing the maple's root system.

The tree's root system was enclosed by David L. Jones, the city's DPW director, who concluded the relocated pavement would not damage the roots.

The city will also enclose the deep storm drainage ditch from Ardunel St. 1,000 feet south beyond the tree. The ditch is relatively shallow further south near Freedom Dr. and will not be enclosed. It will cost \$11,000 to enclose this stretch of the ditch.

THE \$11,000 will come from city-large surplus funds and from leftover monies in the Freedom Rd. storm drainage project now under construction and about 60 per cent complete.

This enclosure would have to be done sooner or later, notes Dinan, "so the city is expending funds that would have to be spent in the future for this type of storm drain."

By enclosing the drain for the full 1,000 feet, the city will have to make a curve in the road which could have created a dangerous traffic condition.

As part of the settlement, the city will relocate an 18-inch spruce tree on the Klinkman property and relocate other shrubbery to locations prescribed by the Klinkmans.

In addition, the city will pay the Klinkmans \$100 for an eight-inch pine tree and \$100 for a willow tree which will be

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SEASON OPENS -- Three members of the South Farmington All-Stars, who almost captured the national Little League crown last year, stand reverently while the Rev. Walter Ballagh

of the First Farmington Baptist Church gives the benediction for the season opening ceremonies Saturday at the new Drake Park in the City of Farmington. (Fran Evert photo)

City Honors Beautifiers During Michigan Week

The City of Farmington Beautification Committee started Michigan Week off Saturday with the third annual Community Pride Day awards breakfast in the Farmington Masonic Temple.

Over 60 representatives of Farmington apartments, auto service facilities, businesses, industries and youth groups were there to receive certificates of merit for their beautification efforts last year. An individual awards category was added to this year's program.

GUESTS AT the breakfast included Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Farmington), Michigan Week chairman John Courville, and Rick Sundquist, eagle from Boy Scout Troop 263.

Other guests included city officials, and representatives from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, the downtown redevelopment committee, Farmington Township Beautification

Committee, city planning commission and the Jaycee Auxiliary.

The 1971 Keep Michigan Beautiful certificates, awarded for the first time this year, went to six individuals and organizations. The recipients were: Frank Hill of the Jaycees, Mrs. Ruth Esper, Paul Schreiber of the Farmington Historical Preservation Committee, Bill Van Wagon of the Farmington Historical Society, Mrs. Connie Jordan of the Farmington City Department of Public Services.

Youth groups receiving awards were the Bluebirds from Longacre School, Camp Fire Girls Idaka-Kiya-Lola and Lola Odaka, Girl Scout Troop 217, Cut Scout Pack 231, boy scout troops 231, 45, and 35, and Y-Indian Princesses from Longacre Elementary School.

Citations for renovation and improvement went to the

Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington for its new drive-in windows and the Old Village Inn for its new front.

SPECIAL AWARDS went to Farmington municipal offices and public schools, Chatham Hills Homeowners Assn., and Farmington Garden Club.

Seven apartment complexes were cited for their beautification efforts this year. The winners are: Apartment House, Brookdale Club, Farmington West Apartments, Jamestown Apartments, Kensington Manor, Kingslake Apartments, and River Glen Apartments.

Five auto service facilities were able to meet the beautification committee's standards. Cleanliness of cement drives and floors, restrooms, and appearance of storage and trash areas were important factors.

The winners are: American Screw Service, Don's Boring Service, Bob Rozenboom Service, and Widak's Shell Service at

Farmington and Alta Loma. Eighteen firms were cited for attractive facilities. They are Burger Chef, Burger King, Decor Suburban Wallpaper and Paint Co., Downtown Farmington Center Corp., Farmington Parish Credit Union, First Farmington Savings and Loan Assn., First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Detroit, Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, MacLean and Proppe, Lawrence Mayer Florist, Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Children's Aid Society, Michigan Osteopathic Assn., National Bank of Detroit, Oakhill Nursing Home, Oglesby Law Office, Professional Offices-32500 Grand River, and Dr. Anne H. Samborski.

Three industries meeting committee standards of neat trash disposal areas in back as well as attractive building fronts were: American Screw Products Co., Chesley Industries, Inc. and Mechanical Manufacturing, Inc.



YELLOW DUCKIE — Jim Brown, 12, of 28159 Greencastle, Farmington, shows the yellow paper duck as he helped load some of the Wood Creek Elementary artifacts into cars for shipment to the Oakland Mall. Some 200 art pieces will be displayed through May 22 in the mall. (Evert photo)

Still 8.5 In City

Tax Rate Unchanged

The Farmington City Council has decided to purchase less equipment during the next year in order to keep the same operating tax rate as collected during the past fiscal year.

At the budget hearing held May 13, the council approved the operating budget for the fiscal year (July 1, 1971, through June 30, 1972).

WHILE APPROVING the budget, the council set the operating tax levy at 8.5 mills (50¢ per \$1,000 equalized valuation) which is the same

rate levied in the city in fiscal 1970-71. City Manager John Dinan had recommended a nine mill levy to collect enough revenue for a total operating budget of \$1,022,425.

The council lowered the recommended budget to \$1,005,225. The trimming involved \$18,200, mostly for capital purchases. One of the major items left off is a dump truck which was to have been purchased for the Department of Public Works.

THE COUNCIL was able to raise the projected revenue

columns in the budget because of new information received on the 1970 Census.

The city has learned it will receive credit for 239 residents more than were counted in the preliminary census.

This means an additional \$11,000 revenue which was not figured in Dinan's draft budget.

The city gets shared revenues from the state, such as income tax rebates, which are based on population. With the additional persons from the census, the city will get more money in per capita rebates.

For the next budget year, the city was counting on getting \$165,700 in state shared revenues before the extra 239 persons were verified by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The council left the water and sewer budget at the recommended level of \$366,480.

The city's total tax base is more than \$59 million. The city's tax rate over the past five years has been: 11 mills in 1967-68; 10 in '68-69, nine in '69-70, 8.5 in '70-71, and now 8.5 in '71-72.