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Inside The Mansion

Photographer Frances Evert shows us two scenes of the interior of the Goodenough Mansion on Farmington Road. Page 7A

Teacher Contracts

Assistant Supt. of Schools Marinus Van Arneyde expressed his views on teacher contracts this week to the PTA Council. For Staff Writer Elizabeth Wissman's report turn to Page 3A

Testing With GM

At General Motors' Proving Grounds, they test more than just automobiles. The company has gone into safety testing, determining how much the human body can stand and how good roads and curbs are. Roving Editor W. W. Edgar took a close tour of the Milford test area. Read his absorbing account and look at some pictures that the public rarely gets to see. Page 1B

Arabs In Focus

The Arab has been misunderstood, misrepresented, and cruelly caricatured, says a business executive-lecturer who has come to know them closely. Grant Butler brought an unusual point-of-view to the Livonia Town Hall session last week, and Candy Lutz covered it well. Page 6A

TV, Briefly

No need to wallow through a 60-page television guide any more to find the programs you want. We've got the best viewing hours condensed to a clear outline. It's on a single page that you can tear out and fold conveniently. Page 5B

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upcoming

THE ALL-AREA high school football team has been selected. The story and the pictures of the local prep grid heroes will be in Wednesday's edition.

COMING SOON will be a map of new expressway interchanges in Observerland and some interesting predictions of traffic patterns in the suburbs.



Santa's BEST HELPER the 'Gift Spotter' IS HERE!
The Gift Spotter in the Want-Ad Section has exactly the right gifts for everyone on your list. Right now, turn to the Gift Spotter to find gift ideas that are sure to please all and save you money at the same time.
Shop the Gift Spotter Way twice each week 'til Christmas!

'Toys For Tots' Launched By Elks

A toy for every child. That's the idea behind the annual Toys for Tots campaign conducted by the Farmington Elks. Toys turned into the Elks campaign will be distributed with the Farmington Goodfellow baskets.

Bill Everhart is once again chairman of the "drive, while R.S. Spjeldet is the co-chairman.

This is the 10th year that the drive has been conducted in Farmington.



YULE SPACEMAN — John Wesley Harris and a Christmas bell floated in mid air while Christmas decorations were hung in Farmington this week.

Nixon Advisors Named At FHS

Although President-elect Richard M. Nixon has said that he will not name his cabinet and advisors until early December, the Farmington Senior High School newspaper has selected the new administration's staff.

The Blue and White's Presidential Advisory Staff has urged the President-elect to "cross party lines and name Pope Paul as Secretary of Labor.

Board Gives City, Township Its Yule Lights

The Farmington Board of Commerce has turned over its lighted Christmas decorations to the city and township, to be placed at the city's and township's discretion.

At its meeting Thursday morning, the board of directors of the commerce board adopted a resolution which stated: "The Farmington Board of Commerce will place the lighted season's greeting signs in the hands of the city and township for display during the Christmas season."

BECAUSE of space limitations, the Elks request that either new or usable toys are donated. The Elks Lodge on Orchard Lake Road between Shawassee and 10 Mile is the collection point for the toys.

In addition, Toys for Tots barrels will be placed around Farmington as collection centers.

Dolls and doll clothes are needed for the campaign. Everhart estimated that a total of 300 dolls are needed to make certain that every girl has a new doll under the Christmas tree.

The Elks will once again ask the Farmington City Council for permission to canvass in city homes for contributions to the campaign.

In past years, the Elks have scheduled a specific night and asked the residents to turn on their porch lights if they had a toy to contribute.

SPJLEDET tells the story one year after he did a real selling job on a father refusing Goodfellow help. The father called it charity.

"The next year," Spjeldet said, "the father donated a toy to the campaign, along with \$5 in appreciation of the help given to him the previous year when he was unable to buy Christmas toys for his family."

Homes Blacked Out

Homes in an eight-square-mile area were without electricity Wednesday night when two primary Detroit Edison wires were knocked down at Drake Rd. and 12 Mile.

A Detroit Edison company spokesman estimated that between 1,000 and 2,000 homes were affected.

The lights went out at 7:55 p.m. and service was restored about 10:30 p.m.

The blackout hit in an area bounded by Haggerty Rd., I-96, Farmington Rd. and 12 Mile Rd. The area includes all of the northwestern corner of the township and a portion of the city.

Primary difficulty was the lack of heat in the below freezing temperatures.

City of Farmington police report no incidents relating to the blackout.

In the township, police blocked traffic at 12 Mile and Drake while the Edison repair crews were working. A crew of volunteer firemen from station No. 4 stood by for more than two hours in the area.

No incidents or accidents were reported, but township police said that traffic lights were out west of Drake on 12 Mile and generally north to 14 Mile.



TOYS, TOYS — Bill Everhart, chairman of the Farmington Elks Toys for Tots drive, hopes to repeat this scene this year. This picture was taken last year at the completion of the annual campaign conducted with the Farmington Goodfellows.

Planners Send YMCA Proposal To Trustees

The Farmington Township Planning Commission has recommended residential zoning on the Kendallwood Drive side of a proposed Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) facility south of Kendallwood subdivision No. 2.

The recommendation came at the Nov. 19 regular meeting and is designed to allow a row of existing family homes to buffer existing Kendallwood homes from the proposed YMCA facility.

Rezoning of the property north of Demery's Shopping Center was passed unanimously and will have to be approved by the Farmington Township Board of Trustees.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan said that a public hearing was not required on the rezoning.

The buffer has been provided by excluding the property along Kendallwood Drive from the YMCA's original rezoning request.

The exclusion of the strip means that homes could be developed facing existing homes on the north side of Kendallwood.

YMCA officials said that the property would be developed, Farmington Township Planning Commission has approved special purpose zoning July 25 for the entire 12.2-acre north of the shopping center.

DAVID R. COMFORT, executive director of the Farmington Y, has said that the first phase of the building completed would include an administrative area and an all purpose program unit. An additional outdoor program area would be developed, he said.

The planning commission's recommendation for total rezoning was turned down Sept.

23 by the Farmington Township Board after Kendallwood residents complained of possible increased traffic and decreased property values.

The board recommended that a buffer of houses be allowed on Kendallwood and Tulipwood. The Tulipwood buffer zone was not recommended by the planners because existing homes on that street do not face the proposed YMCA facility.

TOWNSHIP planners refused a rezoning request for five lots east of St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile and a lot running generally behind the 12 Mile parcels.

Omar G. Sanderson, representing himself and other petitioners, had requested a business classification. He said that he proposed several alternative developments for the parcel, including a barbershop, party store or office complex.

Farmington Township's planning consultants said that although the parcels were near the busiest intersection in the township (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road), residential housing surrounding those parcels justified recommending rezoning.

In other planning commission action, members voted to:

- Deny rezoning the northwest corner of Drake and Freedom from single family homes to duplexes.
- Deny rezoning the northwest corner of Gill and Freedom from residential to office.



OLD BOOKS — Mrs. Ann Ritchie, a downtown Farmington employee who lives in Livonia, glances through an 1817 history of Oakland County donated to the Farmington District Library by the late Ward Eagle. Also donated was an Oakland County Atlas of 1908. (Evert photo)

\$5,000, History Books Given To Library By Ward Eagle Estate

The Farmington District Library has received a \$5,000 gift and two volumes of Oakland County records and statistics dating back to 1817.

Both gifts are from the late Ward Eagle, a longtime township resident and school name-sake.

The money has been presented to the Library Board of Trustees and the books are available in the library, 23333 Farmington Road.

Two copies of 1817 Oakland County History, which were published in 1877, were presented to the library. One copy is in the original binding and one has been re-bound.

The other historical volume is the Oakland County Atlas of 1908.

The history is indexed and includes facts on the County and local governments, families, churches, organizations and events up to 1817.

The atlas is a collection of township maps designating landowners' and city boundaries.

Mrs. Mildred Droegge, district librarian, said: "The books are a valuable complement to other Oakland County and Farmington records."

She added that the library planned to have the books placed for safekeeping.

Library Board Secretary Mary Allison said:

"The Library Trustees are deeply grateful for this expression of trust, and know our entire community shares in this gratitude and appreciation."