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today's hot line

AP Honors Garry Grady

Garry Grady of Plymouth, who was one of the greatest backs ever turned out by Coach Mike Hoben at Plymouth High, has been named to the second team Little All-America selected by the Associated Press. Grady has been a standout on defense for Eastern Michigan in the past three years and was the choice of area coaches for recommendation for All-America honors from the small colleges.

Shadow Children

Who are the Shadow Children? Staff Writer Elizabeth Wissman answers this question and describes what's being done in Farmington to help them on

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Schools Sports

Farmington's Athletic Program is an integral part of the school program. For a report on what the educators have to say about the program see Staff Writer David Sartin's story on

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'Now, Mr. Soc . . .'

How would a modern, pedantic, educationist administrator rate Socrates as a teacher? Dumont F. Hixson, our at-large columnist from Schoolcraft College, gives his hilarious conception of how the department head would judge the methods of the Greek philosopher.

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Who Spent What

Some are on time, some are late, but local politicians are gradually turning in their reports on what they spent to campaign this year—and who were their contributors. No radio station, television station, daily or weekly paper has examined them as closely as we have. There are several revealing stories in today's edition.

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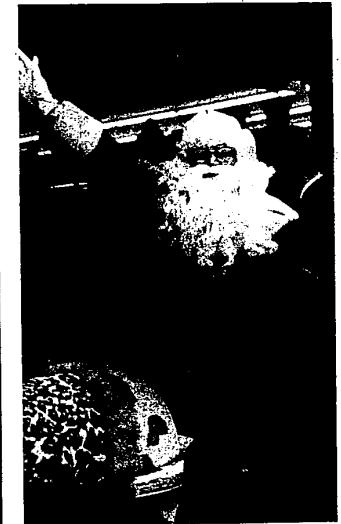
upcoming

NOT EVERYTHING expands in suburbia. One of the things that's shrinking is the delivery area of the Plymouth post office, which once used to cover most of Redford Township and Livonia. There's a postal worker who has been around 42 years to see it all, and you'll see his story in Sunday's edition.

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



THAT JOLLY OLD MAN... Santa Claus arrives in Farmington Friday and will be available to hear the stories of the younger set between now and Christmas.

Above Santa is welcomed by Patricia Ann Taskey, while he greets the crowd upon his arrival at the Plaza Shopping Center in the picture at left.

In addition to the Plaza, Santa and his helpers will be on hand at Demery's and at Federal's. (Photos by Evert).

City To Spend \$58,000 Fixing Bel-Aire Drains

The City of Farmington will spend \$58,000 over the next two years to correct the flooding conditions that have plagued residents of the Bel Aire Subdivision during the past few years.

Councilman approved a \$14,000 immediate expenditure Monday night as the first step in a four-stage program designed to provide relief for the homeowners.

Funds to finance the total project will come from the city's water and sewer department revenues. City Manager John Dinan told The Enterprise & Observer that the city had a \$23,000 surplus in those funds from the past year.

THE PROGRAM follows that recommended by the City Engineers, John E. Hiltz & Associates, after conducting a \$2,500 study of the problem.

Actually the study recommended a 13-point program that involves action by both the city and the residents.

Immediate project for the city is to construct a 15-inch relief sewer on Lamar at the sewer outlet at the cost of \$6,000. Actually there is currently a 15-inch relief sewer in this area, but the construction will be to drop it down an additional 2 1/2 feet so that it is level with the outlet opening.

Dinan told the council that this work would be sub-contracted and hopefully would be started within 60 days.

The other part of the first stage requires the city employes to seal the manhole covers and frames for the sanitary system in both the subdivision and on school property during the winter months.

In addition the city crews would also conduct a dye investigative program to see if there is any infiltration between the storm system and the sanitary system.

Floods in the subdivision have been caused by backup of the sanitary system and the theory has been offered that the storm drainage system overflows into the sanitary system during rain storms.

Cost of the work scheduled to be done by the city employes was placed at \$8,000.

A VITAL part of the program, according to Dinan however, is the cooperation of the residents to direct their downspouts and splash boxes so that roof waters are directed to a point at least five feet from the walls of the buildings.

When the council learned that residents in Kendallwood were required to extend their downspouts the members directed Dinan to contact the township to learn the ordinance requiring this action on the part of the residents.

Dinan's report to the council says that the study "bears out our conclusions that the greatest cause of flooding within the subdivision is attributable to drain tile that is connected from each basement into the present sanitary system.

"This concept is substantiated by a report that was made by the Oakland County Department of Public Works Drain Tile Report #2 dated Jan. 9, 1968 which reports that footing drain tile in clay soil contributes an excessive amount of flow to sanitary sewers during time of rain."

Thus the plea about the downspouts and for the residents of the area to drain their flower beds away from the house.

What happens is that this drainage water is going into the sanitary sewer system.

Councilman John Allen sec-

ended the plea with the comment that even if your basement is not flooded this water is causing other basements to be flooded.

ADDITIONAL steps in the program to correct the system are:

Beginning July 1, 1969 the construction of a 12-inch sewer outlet from the Lamar outlet east to Beacon and then north 500 feet on Beacon at a cost of \$15,000.

Starting July 1, 1970 the construction of a 15-inch sewer from the Lamar outlet west to Leelane and a 12-inch sewer on Leelane from Lamar to Maribethhead at a cost of \$17,000.

After July 1, 1970 the construction of a 12-inch sewer on Leelane from Lamar to Prospect at a cost of \$12,000.

In addition to those outlined above the engineer's points included:

Elimination of any illegally connected downspouts into the sanitary sewer system.

Check of commercial areas connecting or contributing to the system with catch-basins and yard drains discharging directly into the sanitary sewers.

Proper shelving within the manholes to provide the proper channeling.

Construction of bulkheads on the westerly side of the manhole located at Beacon and Leelane and easterly side of manhole at Maribethhead and Leelane.

Dinan termed the program "as certain as certain can be" in remedying the problem.

Farmington Community Center BOX SCORE

Needed to Open the Doors:	\$60,000.00
Received to Date:	\$10,392.63
STILL TO GO:	\$49,607.37
Memberships: \$5 for individual; \$15 for family; \$50 for sustaining; and \$250 for patron. Have you sent in your contribution?	Farmington Community Center, P.O. Box 145, Farmington 48024.

Township Supervisor Outlines Road Fund

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY
What's the policy on matching funds for road improvement?

The question has caused considerable commotion during the past few weeks with confusion resulting about just what is the policy.

IN AN interview with The Farmington Enterprise & Observer, Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall outlined the status of the township's matching funds for road improvements and the procedure.

This year the township earmarked \$65,000 for matching funds for road improvements. This means that the county road commission pays half the cost, the general funds of the township pay a quarter, while the remaining 25 per cent is picked up by the residents through a special assessment district.

Under state law, the township may not own equipment or maintain the roads. This function is reserved for the county which has a rebate from the state gasoline and weight taxes to help pay the costs.

Hall said that the matching funds will be used for gravel or road maintenance, but not to provide ditches or culverts

where none presently exist.

The township will not match funds for construction of new local roads, but only for repairs of existing ones according to Hall.

"The best rule of thumb for the matching funds," according to the supervisor, "is to put money where the county will put their money except for roads which have schools on them. We don't believe that the township should assist in these particular projects."

HALL NOTED that the fact that the county road commission would provide matching funds for maintenance of local roads was a new policy and added that the funds would come from the work on the main roads which the county had always helped finance.

In order to apply for a part of the funds it is necessary that the residents owning property abutting on the road in question file petitions with the township. A total of 65 per cent of the property owners must agree.

The work is then contracted through the county road commission.

THE SUPERVISOR said that under this program gravel had

either been added to or the roads of Wittington, Perdue, Colgate and Albion.

Estimates are coming in for LaMura, Ridgewood and Springdale Subdivisions according to Hall, while the township will take another look at the road problem on Sunnydale.

Sunnydale had petitioned to have the road surfaced, but the cost estimates were so high that the project was dropped. Currently an examination is being made of the cost for repairing the existing road.

In addition to the above project, cost estimates have been sought for road improvements in Stannan Acres, Kimberley and Kendallwood, 2, 3 and 4.

The total cost estimate for Stannan Acres is \$75,000 with the township and the residents paying \$37,500. Actual figures have not been submitted for the cost of the work in Kimberley, but Hall said that the total cost would probably run "about \$60,000."

The supervisor noted that funds for all these projects are not available this year, but added that the remaining cost would be financed under next year's program.

"Next year we will continue the program," Hall concluded.

Junior Miss Honors Taken By Lindas

Three girls named Linda walked off with top honors in the Farmington Jaycees Junior Miss Pageant held Nov. 30 in Farmington Junior High.

All three are also students at North Farmington High.

Linda Oldershaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Oldershaw, 28425 Pepperhill, Farmington, was first place winner as Farmington's ideal high school senior girl and

named Junior Miss of 1969.

Linda Pulgini was first runner-up and Linda Combes second runner-up.

For winning first place, Miss Oldershaw received a \$250 scholarship from Roger Peck Chevrolet and will go on to compete in the metropolitan regional preliminaries (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties) in Redford Dec. 18-19.

If she wins the regional finals,

she will compete in the Michigan Junior Miss Pageant to be held in Pontiac on a date to be announced.

Miss Pulgini was given a \$50 savings bond and Miss Combes a \$25 bond.

The three winners were selected from 10 finalists on a basis of talent, poise and appearance, scholastic achievement and mental alertness.



THINGS IN COMMON — Each named Linda, each a student at North Farmington High, these girls were winners in the Farmington Jaycees Junior Miss Pageant Saturday. Named Farmington Junior Miss of 1969 is Linda Oldershaw (center). First runner-up is Linda Pulgini (at right), second runner-up Linda Combes (at left).