

# Cab Firm Now Defunct

**FARMINGTON**  
The Empire Cab Co. is no longer doing business in the city of Farmington.

The police department has confiscated the four bond plates issued to Mrs. Elsie Newberry, owner of Empire Cab, because the firm's auto insurance had expired and not been renewed.

**THAT ACTION** was reported Monday night to the city council which voted to reissue the four bond plates to the Star Cab Co. of Novi, owned by Thomas Macaluso. Robert Deadman, director of the Department of Public Safety, reported Mrs. Newberry's auto insurance had expired on June 19.

An investigation of Empire trip sheets, Deadman added, for the past six months indicates that at best the firm provided sporadic service when the company was in operation.

The trip sheet indicated the Empire firm operated one shift a day for 10 days in May, one shift a day for nine days in April and no trips during March.

After hearing of the confiscation of plates, the council voted to reissue the plates to Macaluso who had twice before asked permission to operate taxi cabs in the city.

**THE COUNCIL** also introduced for action at its next meeting two amendments to the city's weed ordinance. One change would require that weeds be cut at least once after May 15 and before June 1

and at least once after July 15 and before Aug. 1.

A second amendment under consideration would broaden the shopping center weed maintenance ordinance to include all commercial users throughout the city instead of limiting enforcement to the city's three shopping centers.

**THE COUNCIL** also accepted the low bid of \$32,226 from the Maraldo Asphalt Paving Co. for asphalt paving on Hamlin and James Cts.

The council tabled until a special meeting set for 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) acceptance of bids on a 25-yard load packer truck for garbage pickups.

The delay was made to check into specifications to determine exactly what the low bidder was agreeing to furnish for his bid.

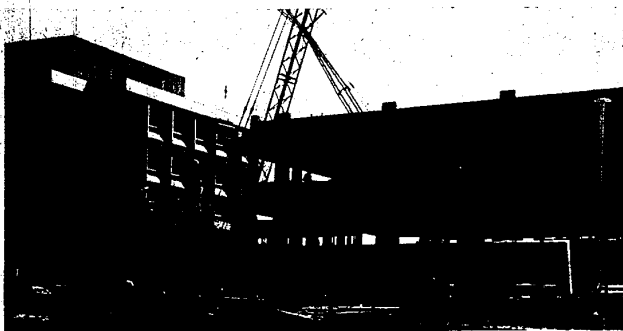
The council accepted the low bid of \$2,895 from the Peter Payette Co. for 20 receivers and one encoder which compose a home alerting system being added to the communications system of the public safety department.

**AN ORDINANCE** amendment was introduced for action at the next meeting changing the open space requirement for nursing homes from 1,100 square feet per bed to 500 square feet.

The council also adopted a resolution expressing opposition to public funds being used to finance a sports stadium in Pontiac. The

council also stated its preference that a stadium for both baseball and football be constructed in Detroit.

The World War I Veterans Barracks of Farmington were given permission to sell apple blossoms on Sept. 10.



**NEW WING GOING UP** -- Construction of a three-story tower to Botsford General Hospital is progressing on schedule and is due for

completion in June 1972. The \$6 million wing will add 100 beds to the hospital's capacity for a 300-bed total. (Evert photo)

## Botsford Expansion Underway

**FARMINGTON**  
Construction of a 100-bed addition to Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Township is holding to target and the new wing should be ready for occupancy by June 1972, according to Administrator Seymour Kantor.

Opening of the new three-story structure will mean an additional 240 jobs, Kantor said. Including part-time help, additional employment should total an equivalent of 230 full time employees.

The wing, which will cost an estimated \$6

million for building and equipment, is now almost completely enclosed, Kantor said.

The three story tower, of sand colored brick finishing the main building, allows for construction of an additional three stories at its top, for an eventual six story structure.

It will include the latest in technological equipment, Kantor said.

Opening of the new wing will bring a total capacity of 300 beds to Botsford Hospital which opened in January 1965.

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**TEEN "NITE-CAMP"**  
Wednesday, July 21, from 7-11 p.m. the Farmington YMCA teen "Nite-Camp" will be held on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College with a rock concert featuring Julia and the Broken Crow. Bus leaves 7 p.m. from the Farmington YMCA at 35100 Grand River at Drake. Supervised by Fred Lindholm, YMCA program director. Cost is \$2.50 per teenager.

**EARTH ALIVE**  
Thursday, July 22, at 8 p.m. Farmington's environmental action group "Earth Alive," will meet in the police conference room of the Farmington Township offices on 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd. to complete plans for the Earth Alive booth in the Farmington Founders Festival. All who care about their environment are invited.

**SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB**  
Friday, July 23 at noon the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet in the social room of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington at Warner and Grand River for a pot luck. Bring a covered dish, cards and games will follow the business meeting.

**TIGER BALLGAME**  
Tuesday, July 27, at 6:15 p.m. the bus will leave the Farmington YMCA at 35100 Grand River at Drake for the teen "Nite-Camp" outing to Tiger Stadium, Tigers vs. Kansas City. Charge is \$1.75 per teen.

**BEECHVIEW BAKE SALE**  
During all three days of the Farmington Founders Festival, July 29, 30, 31 the Beechview Elementary PTA will hold a bake sale of delicious, homemade baked goods in front of Demery's, 12 Mile and Farmington Rds. All proceeds will be used to buy educational aids and equipment for Beechview School.

**SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER**  
The Farmington Senior Drop-In Center meets Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rd. Bring a sandwich; a social afternoon with cards will follow lunch.

**FISH NEEDS DRIVERS**  
FISH, a voluntary service organization, needs volunteer drivers to transport persons to clinics, doctor's offices or hospitals for treatment or therapy. Residents who can donate time as volunteer drivers are asked to write FISH, 28957 Pipers Lane, Farmington 48024. FISH is a non-professional, non-profit organization providing a direct, people-to-people expression of Christian concern. The range of services is not limited and the only yardstick applied to any request for help is "What would Christ do?"

**MERCY SWIM PROGRAM**  
Our Lady of Mercy High School at 29300 11 Mile at Middle Belt, Farmington, offers swimming and diving lessons continuously this summer. Cost of a 10-lesson session is \$15. Registration is anytime at your convenience. Contact Mrs. Deloris Yager at the school. Mercy also offers open swimming every day except Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

**Help's Here**  
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