

today's hot line

BULLETIN

PLYMOUTH POLICE Tuesday afternoon nabbed an unarmed man as he attempted to rob the First Federal Savings and Loan branch in the heart of the downtown business section. Patrolman Carl Berry rushed into the banking institution after an alarm had been sounded and grabbed the would-be bandit shortly after he had handed a woman teller a note demanding money. Story and picture on Page 3A.

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PLYMOUTH—Angered by the noise of loading and unloading trucks through the night, the residents of Arbor Village have threatened to sue Spartan Stores, Inc., and have the activity declared a nuisance.

PLYMOUTH—Fearful that many of the priceless displays could be lost in a blaze, the Historical Society has taken steps to acquire the building in the rear of City Hall and have it enlarged and rebuilt as a museum.

PLYMOUTH—Ann Arbor police and Washtenaw County officials admit that all clues in the murder of Joan Schell two weeks ago have faded and that the hunt for her slayers has become a routine investigation.

LIVONIA—Settlement of the building trades strike with its corresponding spiraling wage increases brought predictions here from real estate men and home builders of an immediate 10 per cent increase in new home prices and proportionate rises on the home resale market. Prices on new homes in Livonia are as high as 20 per cent over a year ago. Older homes on the market have risen a similar 20 per cent, also, but over the last two years.

LIVONIA—Widening and paving of Merriam Rd. between Schoolcraft and Plymouth is scheduled for August by the city and the Wayne County Road Commission. Construction of a five-lane mile will begin Aug. 19. It should be opened for traffic Nov. 15.

REDFORD—Township employees represented by the Teamsters union threatened to submit their demands to fact finding if voters fail to approve a request for one mill additional local tax levy August 6.

LIVONIA—A 50-year-old Livonia woman and her 18-year-old son will become this city's first kidney transplant case this week, when they undergo surgery in University Hospital, Ann Arbor. Mrs. Edward Nicolai, 15439 Doris, Thursday will donate a kidney to her only son, Dennis, a Bentley High School senior who suffers from an hereditary kidney disease, glomerulonephritis. Blood donors should contact the American Red Cross or University Hospital.

WESTLAND—The City Council Monday approved a new ordinance creating an economic development department, to be headed by a full-time development director and a nine-member advisory committee.

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Don't Miss The Boak!

FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

only 8 more days
July 25-27



MESSY FUN—Besides making things, part of the fun at Flanders School's summer art program is getting nice and dirty as demonstrated by (left to right) Bridget Boes and Barbara Hamen.

Festival Parade Plans Call For Biggest Yet

Everybody loves a parade and there'll be something for everybody in the Flanders Festival Parade down Grand River from the drive-in theater to Farmington Rd. at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27.

Judge Clears Local Girl Of Involvement

Sandra Jo Seligman, 21-year-old Michigan State University senior from Farmington Township, was completely vindicated this week from any deliberate involvement in a narcotic case which has been under investigation by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Miss Seligman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seligman, 31860 Franklin Fairway Dr., was described by a spokesman for federal authorities as having been "an innocent bystander" in the matter.

Her arrest July 5 in her home and appearance in Federal Court for "possession of hashish," has been nullified by a later court order stating she is "not guilty."

Farmington Goes On TV

Farmington goes on television Sunday, July 21, when Channel 50 will present a 30-minute salute to the city and township, their history and their points of interest.

The pre-taped telecast will be aired at 8 p.m. and will be entitled "The Farmington Story."

Fittingly enough, the presentation will come only four days before the start of the 1968 Farmington Founders Festival.

Both schools have summer library programs and this year Flanders has added a summer arts program.

Parade participants will assemble at the Grand River Drive-In Theatre between 8 and 8:30 a.m. that morning. Bands will join the marchers at the Plaza Shopping Center at Mooney St.

Parade participants will be in the parade include Congressman Jack McDonald, Rep. Raymond Baker, Sen. George Kuhn, Township Trustee Earl Oppenheimer, Township Treasurer Elise Avery, Farmington Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton, Township Clerk Floyd Cairns, Township Trustee and Mrs. T.R. Nolan, Novi Supervisor Hadley Bachert and City Manager John Dinan.

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School Libraries Find Popularity Even In July

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Vacation time isn't dragging for many Farmington elementary school children who are taking advantage of summer programs at Highmeadow and Flanders Schools.

Both schools have summer library programs and this year Flanders has added a summer arts program.

Flanders PTA finances the school's programs, the library program for the fifth year, headed by Agnes Bowie, a professional librarian.

City Turns Thumbs Down On Millage

By FRED DELANO

A rebellious Farmington City Council refused Monday night to endorse the special one-mill road tax proposal which will be submitted to Oakland County voters Aug. 6.

Councilman John A. Allen led the fight against lending aid to the Road Commission's campaign, basing his opposition on the contention that money raised through the new tax would be earmarked only for improvements in primary roads.

"This provides no help for secondary roads, and all we'd be doing is approving another tax to help someone out of a bind," said Allen.

Then he cited multi-million-dollar plans by the county to build a new jail and a new airport and declared: "It's time someone took another hard look at these projects in relation to the county's need for road funds."

ONLY councilman who leaned toward the road commission's request for a declaration of support was Ralph D. Yoder, who introduced a resolution backing the measure and asking voters of the city to cast votes in its favor.

The Yoder motion died for lack of a second, putting Farmington into open opposition with the county on the issue. All members of the council were present Monday except Howard W. Thayer.

In the same meeting the council also flexed its muscles in the direction of Gov. George W. Romney when it voted to join a statewide municipal drive to override the governor's veto of a bill which would have given emergency powers to community administrators in times of civil disorder.

City Manager John D. Dinan told the council that he believes "the municipality should have certain authority to impose emergency measures such as curfews and sale of gasoline" not now provided by the city charter.

The legislature is due to consider the veto question July 23, according to information provided the council.

ALTHOUGH councilmen balked at the idea of cooperating with the county to put across the special road tax, they did not have a second on the road commission.

They unanimously accepted the county's offer to go 50-50 on the cost of installing a signal light at Farmington and Freedom Rds. and voted similarly to turn jurisdiction of Farmington Rd. between Nine Mile Rd. and Grand River over to the county.

Dinan told the council: "At the present time the city receives credit for gas and weight tax monies for \$1,700 per mile as a major road of the city's system. We believe that it will be possible for the city

to enter into a maintenance agreement with the county road commission and receive \$3,000 per mile for maintenance under the jurisdiction of the commission."

"The City would be relieved of any major improvements to the road if it is under the jurisdiction of the county."

County Places Road Repairs At \$10,500,000

The Farmington area will need a minimum of 31.89 miles of "major-primary" road improvements by 1978 costing at least \$10.5 million, according to a study by the Oakland County Road Commission.

The county-wide survey was conducted by the commission in support of its plea for passage of a special road tax of \$1 per \$1,000 in equalized property valuation. This proposal will be submitted to voters at the time of the primary election Aug. 6, and if it passes the tax will be in effect for five years.

COMMISSION officials claim there is little hope that even a small portion of the 10-year road needs can be met without the proposed millage levy.

The county as a whole, claims the same survey, will need improvements on 700 miles of roads between 1968 and 1978 for which the total cost would be at least \$175 million.

An analysis of the Farmington area says the 10-year needs include improvements for 23.43 miles in the township, 6.19 miles in the city, 1.27 miles in Quakertown and one mile in Wood Creek Farms.

The commission pegs the cost of these improvements as being \$6,000,000 in the township, \$1,894,000 in the city, \$75,000 in Quakertown and \$478,000 in Wood Creek Farms.

These are the projects which the road commission puts at the top of its Farmington priority list for the 10-year span:

TOWNSHIP -- 1. Reconstruction of Orchard Lake Rd. to a five-lane pavement from 10 Mile Rd. to 12 Mile Rd. and from Grand River to 10 Mile Rd.

2. Reconstruction of Orchard Lake as a four-lane pavement from 12 Mile to 14 Mile Rd.

3. Widening of Middlebelt Rd. to a four-lane pavement from Grand River to 10 Mile Rd.

4. Grading and providing a 24-foot paving of Middlebelt from Northwestern Hwy. to 14 Mile Rd.

5. Conversion of 10 Mile Rd. to a four-lane pavement from Orchard Lake Rd. to Inkster Rd., from Haggerty Rd. to Grand River, and from Farmington Rd. to Orchard Lake Rd.

6. Conversion of 12 Mile Rd. to a four-lane pavement from Orchard Lake Rd. to Inkster Rd.

7. Widening Eight Mile Rd. to five lanes from the east city limits to Farmington Rd.

8. Providing a bituminous cap on Nine Mile Rd. from Grand River to Inkster Rd.

9. Reconstruction of 13 Mile Rd. to a four-lane pavement from Northwestern to Inkster.

10. Providing a bituminous cap on the same road from Farmington Rd. to Northwestern.

11. Grading and providing a 24-foot bituminous pavement on 13 Mile from Halessted to Drabbs, on 14 Mile from Northwestern to Middlebelt, on Haggerty from Eight Mile to 12 Mile, and on Halessted from 12 Mile to 14 Mile.

12. Providing a bituminous cap on Farmington Rd. from 10 Mile to Quakertown and from 12 Mile to 13 Mile.

CITY -- 1. Reconstruction of 10 Mile Rd. to a four-lane pavement from Farmington Rd. to Orchard Lake Rd.

2. Conversion of Orchard Lake as a four-lane pavement from 12 Mile to 14 Mile.

3. Resurfacing of Farmington Rd. with bituminous concrete from Nine Mile to Grand River.

4. Widening Grand River to four lanes from Halessted Rd. to Gill Rd.; resurface Grand River from Gill to Farmington with bituminous concrete and widen to five lanes between Farmington Rd. and Oakland; also resurface Grand River from Farmington Rd. to the eastern city limits.

QUAKERTOWN -- Resurface Farmington Rd. with a bituminous cap from the south village limit to 12 Mile.

Wood Creek Farms -- Conversion of 12 Mile to a four-lane pavement from Middlebelt to Inkster; reconstruct 13 Mile from Northwestern to Inkster and rescap the same road from Middlebelt to Northwestern.



BIG-EYED—Children taking part in Highmeadow School's summer library program listen with big eyes to a story told by Mrs. Ciel Orman.