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Essay Winner

A Law Day essay written by a Farmington youth won top honors in the state recently. To find out how a 12-year-old looks at law and justice, see:

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In Common

What problems do women, Indians, blacks and young people have in common? A local YWCA is planning to explore these questions and hopes to find some solutions.

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Poor Anatol!

The experiences of poor Anatol who spends a lifetime looking for the right girl will be explored in a play performed on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Saturday as part of the college's Gaslite Festival. For details turn to page

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A 'Masterpiece'

Monday you'll have a chance to buy a "masterpiece." That's when a group of co-op nursery parents will be having a sale of works of art they've created themselves.

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FOCUS:
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Tired of spoon feeding your car? Interested in how to get the get-up and go back under its hood? We have some suggestions for you in today's issue of FOCUS: Suburbia. Don't miss this interesting section — your car will thank you for reading it.

Election Destroyed Myths; New Council Looks Ahead

By DAN McCOSH

The people who worked to incorporate Farmington Township into the City of Farmington Hills wasted no time moving toward the work of putting together the new city.

As soon as the results were in, the charter commission was meeting in Township Supervisor Robert McConnell's office, mainly to celebrate, but also planning details like the printing and signing of the charter.

Cityhood has already caused a sudden shift in township affairs.

McConnell set a record in recent times for preparing a budget for the coming fiscal year — due to be sent to the county allocation board next week. It will have to be altered to account for the new city fiscal year starting July 1.

The official start-up date for the new city is July 1, but the council will not meet until the day after, a Monday.

The first council will have a lot of work to do, including:

- Hiring a new city manager and clerk;
- Setting the tax rate;
- Electing a mayor from among themselves;
- Adopting an ordinance setting assessment policy.

Some other more trivial matters are coming up, too.

All the stationary, stamps, bills and documents have to be re-printed, along with the sign in front on township hall.

Both villages, Quakertown and Wood Creek, will have to finalize their books, as the

new city takes over all their assets and liabilities.

The first city council upset a lot of old political clichés about the Farmington area.

Regional differences seemed to be reflected in the vote for the charter. The southeast corner of the township soundly opposed it, but the vote turnout there was light.

The charter won in the subdivisions, even in precinct 18, in the far northeast corner north of Franklin Hills Country Club.

Quakertown turned it down, but only 204-169. Wood Creek Farms voted "no" by a solid 349-131.

But when it came to the

candidates, regional differences were thrown out.

In the south end, McConnell was on top, just as he was in the totals.

William Hatton, who ran at least partly on the platform of being the "south end candidate," actually tied with north-end Margaret Schaeffer in precinct two, Wheeler Fire Hall.

Mrs. Schaeffer was unique in being the only person elected to the council who did not run at least a moderately heavy campaign.

David Slader, a township trustee, was two places out of the running after coasting through much of the election.

In contrast, Joan Dudley put out flyers door to door

and advertised heavily. In her second successful try at elective office, she placed third in an experienced field.

She credits what she calls her "bridge club friends," a well-organized group of about 100 "mostly women" who worked on her campaign for both charter commissioner and council. "I wanted to prove a 'little person' could win," she said.

Biggest surprise was the victory of William Orman, who has run unsuccessfully for several local offices in recent years, winning only a seat on the Wood Creek council.

He grew sideburns and a moustache and campaigned hard for the victory, mainly playing down his past ties with the Michigan Conservative party in his public appearances.

He narrowly edged Joanne Smith, former chairman of the local Democratic Club, by just 39 votes.

Mrs. Smith was selected as one of the four-man slate of Robert McConnell; partly to make it non-partisan. Her strong showing, as well as Orman's victory, seems to indicate the election at least gave non-Republicans a chance.

Keith Deacon, also a member of the "slate," along with Frederick Lichtman, made a strong showing across the whole township to come in fifth. It was his first elective office.

Township Trustee Earl Oppenheimer, who placed fourth, and Lichtman, who was second, ran conservative campaigns and were elected with no discernible pattern to the voting.



GOVERNMENT DAY -- Student department heads met in conference with the city council during student government day. (From left) Connie Yuhasz, Pat Milani, Robert

Jenks, Douglas Harrington, Carol Feiten, Robert Churella, Dennis Detrich, Robin Orr, Nancy Richards and Diane Harvey. (Evert photo)

Perrin Will Run

Farmington School Board President Kenneth Perrin announced Friday, he will run for re-election.

Deadline for filing is Monday, May 14. The election June 11 will fill two seats. Perrin's and Aldo Vagozzi's, who recently announced he would not run again.

"I intend to make only one promise as I seek another four-year term," Perrin said, "and that is to continue to make decisions with objectivity and integrity, basing them on what is in the best interest of the students of the district."

Perrin, elected to the board in 1969, has served as vice-president for two years and is currently president. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Oakland County School Boards Assn.

Youths 'Take Over' In City Hall

Ever want a chance to be "king for a day?"

Once a year, Farmington high school students get a chance to "run things" on student government day.

Each local city official and politician gets a student counterpart who spends the morning touring the city with the department head. Then

the students meet in a council session to get a feel for legislation.

How did they react to the experience?

They proposed using the abandoned winery on Grand River as a youth center; banned smoking in council sessions; and proposed several changes in local traffic

control ordinances.

The students began at 9 a.m. with a tour of the city. They had lunch with the city officials at noon at the Farmington Elks Club, where they returned later in the evening for dinner with the Kiwanis.

Robert Jenks filled in for District Judge Michael Hand.

Roy Lord was Mayor Ralph Yoder; Gary Bolohan was councilman John Allen; Elaine Enders was John Richardson; Marj Halperin was Fred Selbert; and Linda McPike was Richard L. Tupper.

Jeffrey Baker was City Manager Robert Deadman; Connie Yuhasz was Treasurer

Winona Woods; Cindy Niemczak was Clerk Nedra Viane and Bill Perrott was Attorney Robert Kelly.

Patricia Milani was Police Captain Daniel Byrnes; Diane Harvey was Sgt. Michael Guilmette.

Robin Orr was Building Inspector Jay Harrison; Doug

Harrington was Assessor Dorothy Poston; and Carol Feiten was Court Administrator Marilyn Steusloff.

Dennis Detrich was DPW Director David Jones; Robb Churella was Foreman Jerry Linhart; Steve Allen was Supt. Joe Derrendt and Nancy Richards was Water Supt. John Overfield.

Hearing On Budget Is Set For May 17

A \$12 million budget for the City of Farmington will have a public airing Thursday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington City Hall.

The 1973-74 budget represents about a nine per cent increase over last year's \$11.7 million figure.

No tax increases are included, according to City

Manager Robert Deadman.

Additional revenue will come from the approximately \$8.5 million in new valuation, increased local assessments reviewed this year, and federal shared revenue.

The proposed budget does not include any new personnel for any of the city departments. It does include

pay hikes for employees, ranging from five to eight per cent, depending on contracts.

Additional equipment was called a "priority item" by Deadman.

The budget includes a leaf loader, several trucks and the replacement of six police cars.

Major emphasis has been placed on local street repair, according to Deadman.

Funds for repaving of older roads, asphalt dressing of some of the older concrete roads, and joint repairs are included.

Other improvements slated include finishing the Drake Park baseball lighting and landscaping and the downtown tree planting program.

Pilot Killed In Crash

Donald A. Zanger, 29, of Mullane Drive, was killed Wednesday when the small plane he was piloting crashed while making a landing approach in Methuen, Mass.

The crash also killed John Nenecek, Swartz Creek;

Lloyd Cousin, Davison; and Leon Rousseau Jr., Sherborn, Mass.

Zanger was on a flight from Pontiac to the Boston suburb when the plane crashed in a residential yard after missing a landing approach, according to witnesses.



SUE REED as Eliza Doolittle and Scott Terrill as Prof. Higgins engage in a scene from North Farmington High School's production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady." The musical will be staged May 11-12 with \$2 tickets available at the door. (Evert photo)