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Late Papers

Don't blame your Observer carrier for getting your paper late.

The tornado which crashed through the northwest suburbs Tuesday night knocked out our electric power at the Observer plant and delayed our typesetting and forced postponement of our press run.

We regret any inconvenience you may have suffered, just as we join with everybody else in sincerely hoping the storms stay away in the future.

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Nice Boost

Federal 5.5 per cent pay boost policy is one thing, and the contracts approved by Oakland Community College trustees and unions were something else. Here are the details of the settlements and what they'll cost.

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A Nice Feeling

Farmington Township will end its 146 years as a unit of government this weekend in the best possible way—with money in the till. Auditors estimate the surplus to be carried over into the City of Farmington Hills treasury at \$500,000 or more.

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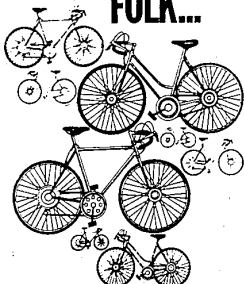
Double Action

Adoption of a motorcycle nuisance ordinance by Farmington Township trustees will give Farmington Hills authorities a new weapon in combating what to many residents is an irritating problem. But the ordinance isn't the only step taken to meet the issue head-on.

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'Birth Of A City' Ceremony To Welcome 'Hills' Monday

By W. W. EDGAR

Minus the nervous tension and the anxiety usual upon the arrival of a new infant in a household, the residents of Farmington Township are quietly awaiting the birth of a new city in the family of governments.

In fact, it will be a birth and baptism combined Monday evening in the Township Hall when the "City of Farmington Hills" comes into being and the name "Farmington Township" is relegated to the archives for historians.

"I hope it will be a successful birth," Township

Supervisor Robert McConnell said, "because we have been in labor a long time."

Smilingly, he recalled that the move to incorporate failed several times before it finally was approved.

The birth and baptism are scheduled for precisely 8 p.m. Monday night, July 2, with time-honored ceremonies for such occasions.

Unlike most others, however, the reception and refreshments will precede the official ceremonies where Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers, Inc., will serve as master of ceremonies.



WHAT SUPERVISOR ROBERT A. MCCONNELL called "a historic occasion, for it marks the final meeting of the Farmington Township Board" failed to excite much interest in the community Monday. There were fewer than 20 in the audience and one trustee, Earl

Opperthauer, missed the session completely. Present for the last meeting were (from left) Trustees L. David Stader and Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, Clerk Floyd Cairns, McConnell, Treasurer Thomas Nolan and Trustee Frederick Lichtman. (Evert photo)

Rugged West Still Hides Local Girl

By MARTHA MAHAN
Volunteers on foot, horseback and in the air continued combing the rolling hills and underbrush near the headwaters of the Missouri River

in south central Montana for the second day Tuesday in search of seven-year-old Susan Marie Jaeger of Farmington, who vanished from the tent where she was sleep-

ing on a family camping trip. But authorities confessed that hopes were fading of finding the brown-haired, hazel-eyed child alive.

The FBI entered the case Monday night at the request of Gallatin County Sheriff D.W. Anderson and was maintaining what is called a "monitoring position."

Susie disappeared from the tent where she and her sister Heidi, 12, were sleeping sometime after 2 a.m. Monday. She apparently was barefoot and clad in blue jeans and a shirt.

Heidi woke at 4 a.m. to find Susie missing, a large hole slashed in the side of the tent and the teddy bear and reindeer with which her little sister normally slept scattered on the ground outside.

Sheriff Anderson said there was no other theory to follow at that the child was kidnapped. "No way" could an animal have dragged her away, he said.

Susie is the youngest of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jaeger, 29836 Nemlock.

The family left on the eagerly anticipated camping expedition June 17, planning to return July 15. They planned to join Mrs. Jaeger's parents, a retired couple who have traveled and camped extensively, at the Missouri Headwaters State Park several miles north of Three Forks, Mont.

Heidi, who shared the rear of a tent with Susie, said she talked with her sister at about 2 a.m. She woke at 4 a.m. and notified her parents that Susie was gone.

Her parents, grandparents

and oldest brother, 16, were sleeping in a camper parked about six to eight feet away from the girls' tent, the sheriff said.

The two other boys, aged 14 and 9, were sleeping in the front of the tent beyond a flap, he said. Susie's head was facing the rear of the tent.

The campsite lay in a state park "where lots of people were camping, there was a nice green lawn and gravel roads" winding through the area, Sheriff Anderson said.

"Somebody was interested and watched where the little girls went," he declared.

The sheriff said he planned to question a suspect in a similar unsolved 1968 case where a Boy Scout disappeared from his slashed tent near the site where Susie vanished. The scout later was found stabbed to death.

Anderson discounted the value of reports that a car had been seen cruising the area where the Jaegers had been camping.

"I don't think that's anything to get excited about," he said. "We usually get such reports, and then they just vanish."

"There's no way she would have wandered off on her own," said a Farmington neighbor, Mrs. John W. Rudberg, whose children are schoolmates and playmates of the young Jaegers.

"She just isn't that kind of a child," Mrs. Rudberg said, "and she wasn't all that keen on the camping trip anyway."

"It's almost unbelievable for us here," she declared.

Mrs. Rudberg said Jaeger, a design engineer, had been planning and looking forward to the vacation trip for a long time.

"It was to be their first long camping trip," she said. "Susie, who stands just under four feet tall and weighs about 55 pounds, is a student at Beechview Elementary School. She wears her brown hair shoulder length."

Sheriff Anderson, who said he "wouldn't camp anywhere

4th To Delay Delivery Of Observers

Readers of Observer Newspapers will receive their Wednesday editions one day later next week on July 5 so that all Observer employees can enjoy the July 4 holiday.

Deadlines for news copy and advertising will be the same as usual, Monday at 6 o'clock for news stories and at 5 p.m. for display advertising. Classified advertising will be taken until 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

The office at 36251 Schoolcraft in Livonia will be closed on July 4.

without a gun in my hand or even stay in a motel," said the Jaegers have borne up well under the strain thus far.

"The shock really hasn't hit yet," he said. "It will hit if they have to leave for home without their little girl."



TOM SHULER, 14, of Scout Troop 161 reached eagle rank at a recent court of honor in First Presbyterian Church, Farmington. His eagle project was collecting 450 paperback books for Northville State Hospital and Oakhill Convalescent Home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuler, 36028 Lyman Road.

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