

# Township To City -- Transition Surprises

Usually the transition from one form of government to another causes quite a commotion, and things often are in a state of flux.

This has not been the case in Farmington Hills, where the transition is being made from a township to city status.

"It really has been surprising," said Acting City Manager Floyd Cairns as he surveyed the happenings of the last few weeks.

"Everybody has been most co-operative, and we even have had people coming in to thank us for some service."

He was especially pleased with the cooperation of the State Highway Department.

"They're taking orders from us now," he went on, "and doing a good job of getting our roads into shape."

The acting manager, who has been exposed to the area's problems for some years as township clerk, is amazed at the attitude of all concerned.

"It seems everyone wants to help," he said, "and that makes the transition much easier."

Mayor Robert McCusnell, who was just as surprised over

the ease with which the transition is being made.

"Our biggest job will be with the roads and, thus far, the County Road Commission has been most co-operative."

"Of course, I don't know how much they are going to charge us -- but that's another matter."

The mayor called attention

to the fact that the city has no highway funds at the moment and won't get its first payment from the state until November.

"We were allotted \$203,000," he said, "but we have been informed that the cost of snow removal and the like has reduced that amount now to about \$40,000."

He expressed confidence that some satisfactory plan will be worked out when the city gets its Department of Public Works set up and a road supervisor is put on the job.

Otherwise everything is running smoothly -- much more smoothly than anyone had expected.

## Youth Corps Offers Jobs For Summer

PONTIAC Oakland County teens are being given an opportunity to work this summer, despite the state's high unemployment rate.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC), a division of the Oakland County Office of Economic Opportunity in Pontiac, is offering jobs for youth from age 14 to 18 from economically disadvantaged homes.

The jobs pay \$1.50 per hour for up to 40 hours a week.

The program has started and ends Aug. 31.

Because time is running short, the NYC is pressing to find students and employers. The program was pared from 12 to seven weeks because of a delay in funding due to impoundment by President Nixon and the U.S. Labor Dept. A federal court recently ordered release of the funds.

The Oakland County NYC, located at 21075 Wyoming in Ferndale, has placed more than 500 students so far and has jobs for another 900.

The jobs are for males and females as aides in a variety of jobs, ranging from landscaping to plumbing to nurse's aide.

Qualifications are: Oakland County residence; a commitment to return to school in the fall; age limits of 14 to 18; and a family income below the poverty level set by federal standards.

The federal government pays the wages for NYC enrollees working in non-profit jobs. For those students who don't qualify for the NYC program, there are other jobs available from non-subsidized employers in the private sector.

The NYC office in Ferndale is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Elwood Dunn, NYC Project Director, operates from the OCCOE office at 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac.

## Soldier Cleared In Kidnapping

FARMINGTON Montana authorities have failed to connect a 25-year-old AWOL soldier arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor with the abduction of Susie Jaeger of Farmington Hills.

Army Pvt. Genis E. Gans was arrested Sunday night and officers said a 14-year-old girl reported missing by her parents was found in his van.

Gans was questioned both in the Jaeger kidnapping and in the disappearance of two other young girls missing since July 31. Seven-year-old Susie vanished June 25 while the family was vacationing in Montana.

Officials at Fort Hood, Texas, where Gans was stationed, reported, however, that he was not absent from the base until after 6 p.m. July 3.

"I'm sure there's no connection" between Gans and the Jaeger case, said Under-Sheriff Gus Ellsworth of Powell County, Mont., where Gans is jailed.

However, "we'll check it out as a routine matter," he added.

Ellsworth indicated that authorities believed the girl found in Gans' vehicle had gone with him willingly. Susie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jaeger, returned to their Farmington Hills home just 12 days ago after more than five weeks of agonized waiting in Montana.

At the time, Mrs. Jaeger said it was "easier to come home while there still was hope than to wait until there was no hope at all."

## Burroughs Promotes Campbell

Burroughs Corp. has announced the appointment of Michael T. Campbell of Farmington to the new position of manager of product distribution for the company's Computer Systems Group.

His responsibilities will include coordinating production levels and delivery schedules among the group's plants, and liaison with other group and corporate production activities.

Campbell received a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from General Motors Institute in 1966 and also holds an MBA from the University of Detroit. He joined Burroughs in 1967 as a plant mechanical engineer. In 1969, he was appointed a management systems analyst on the Corporate staff.

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