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Inactive Voters Face Deadline

Voters who haven't been to the polls in two years have until Sunday to apply for continuation of their registrations. Otherwise, the Farmington city and township clerks will cancel the registration.

Of the 4,294 city voters who were in the poll books as of the Nov. 8 election, 575 have failed to vote within the last two years.

City Clerk Trena Quinn's office last month sent those 575 persons post cards warning them that they would be cancelled. The card had an attached card; the person could continue his voter registration simply by filling it out and mailing it to the city clerk.

In the township, Clerk Floyd Cairns sent 2,377 such cards out. As of the last election, the township had 15,360 registered voters.

No Minors As City Policemen

Not in the City of Farmington, according to an ordinance passed by the City Council Tuesday.

A Detroit paper had reported that a number of suburban cities, including Farmington, were hiring men under age 21 as officers, thus jeopardizing their opportunity to receive state aid for training.

The new Farmington ordinance, however, specifically requires a "minimum age of 21 years with a maximum age of 31." (The maximum can be waived if the applicant has previous police experience.)

City Manager John Dinan said the standards were suggested by an association of police officers, but in some cases Farmington's requirements are higher than the police group's standards.

Minimum height of 5-feet-8 1/2 inches were among them, he said.

Other police standards require officers have a high school education, good moral and clean criminal records, normal hearing and color vision, and ability to pass a written exam.

By meeting the standards, **Senior Citizens Club**

The Senior Citizens Club of Farmington will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening, January 13 at First Methodist Church in the social room. Cards and a sociable evening will be in order.

MILDRED DROEGE, Farmington's librarian extraordinary, informs us that despite the constant growth in population, the number of books per person does not keep pace. There is still about half a book per citizen available. Which half book would you choose? Imagine reading only the first half of *Moby Dick* or the last half of *Gone With the Wind*. Unthinkable!

A LOCAL HOSTESS at a holiday party lost one of her earrings, and this was quite a feat in itself since the bauble was about an inch and a half in diameter and made of brilliant bits of glass. Her guests were afraid that her posture might be permanently affected by wearing just one so joined her on all fours in the search. It did give a new dimension to the party.

SPEAKING OF TRASH PROBLEMS, (and who hasn't been around our beleaguered Township?) a transient fell asleep in a trash bin in downtown Phoenix, Ariz., and was dumped into a refuse truck. He was rescued by a 45,000 pound compressor and deposited in the city dump from whence his moans emerged and were finally heard. Doctors thought it was a miracle that he survived with so little damage though he was considerably preserved in alcohol. It was a case of being bailed in rather than bailed out. And a happy New Year to John Edwards wherever you are now.

THE NEW YEAR IN FARMINGTON begins on a brave note of honesty and integrity. Our circulation manager lost his endorsed paycheck in a snow-drift near the bank unbeknownst to him, and it was promptly turned in rather than cashed in, and he was duly, and most gratefully notified.

A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF ART at Toledo paid off with a viewing of the great Dutch painters in the age of Rembrandt. It was an uplifting experience, and the museum there is one that everyone living this close should see. Alas, Rembrandt has now packed up his little son, Titus, and headed for other American cities, but we're glad he did drop by.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TWO small boys who were viewing an exhibit of modern abstract art and one turning to the other and whispering, "Let's get out of here before they say we did it?"

by Shirley Berger



MISS KELLY LARAE BOARD is Farmington's earliest arrival in 1967 having checked in at 7:50 a.m. on January 8. She weighed an even seven pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Board Jr. of 20832 Tuck Rd.

Jaycees Week Jan. 15-21

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton has declared the week of Jan. 15-21 as Jaycees Week in Farmington.

His proclamation said the Jaycees have exemplified themselves as a club that unselfishly devotes time and effort for civic improvements.

"The citizens of Farmington should be very appreciative of the interest that the Farmington Area Jaycees have taken in the youth of our community."

Through their sponsorship, several needed recreational facilities have been constructed for the enjoyment of thousands.

City Backs Youth Group

Five township residents will represent the City of Farmington on an area "Citizens Youth Guidance Committee."

"Not too many city people seem interested in serving," said City Manager John Dinan Tuesday as he presented to the Council five suggested names provided by the committee's secretary.

It was pointed out, however, that there are three City residents of the 15 member committee serving through other appointments.

The committee advises an Oakland County Probate Court clerk, who is also a juvenile cases. The committee's jurisdiction is the City, Township and School District of Farmington.

With no alternative, the City Council "recommended" that the Youth Guidance Committee

K. G. Chappell, Barbershop Owner, Dies

Kenneth G. Chappell, 46, a Farmington businessman for 25 years and co-owner of Ken and Pete's Barbershop, died Dec. 29 in Providence Hospital, Southfield, after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in the chapel of Trayer Funeral Home here with Dr. W. Leslie Williams, of Farmington First Methodist Church, officiating. The Farmington Masonic Lodge conducted a graveside service in Oakland Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Mr. Chappell, 13213 Knolston Avenue, Livonia, was a member of the First Methodist Church; Farmington Lodge 151, F&M; and Farmington Lodge 1880, BPO Elks.

Born Sept. 5, 1920 in Fortville, Ind., the son of Earl and Ruby Terry Chappell, he graduated from Northville High School in 1939 and on Aug. 2, 1941 married the former Helen Wilder in Redford Township.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Mrs. James (Karen) Pearson of Westland; a son, James C. Chappell, with the U.S. Army in Vietnam; his parents, of West Branch and Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Earl (Greta) Croll of Livonia and Mrs. William (Martha) Bingley of Northville; and two brothers, Fred of Fortville, Ind., and Terry of Wayne.

Library Board To Ask For Township Tax Vote

Farmington Township Board members will be asked next Monday to set an April special election to raise the library tax one mill to finance a \$2.2 million capital expansion program and operating fund.

The request will come from the Farmington District Library Board, whose chairman, Earnest Sauter, presented the plan to the City Council informally Tuesday.

One mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. An average homeowner with a \$9,000 valuation for tax purposes would pay \$9 a year, Sauter said.

THE CITY is able to finance a one mill property tax increase by Council action at budget time, but the Township Board, limited financially by state law, must go to the voters for any increase.

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A new North Library, on 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads, \$814,000 net cost. (Construction cost of \$200,000 would be reduced by \$200,000 in one-third federal aid. Books would cost \$400,000.)

A new South Library at a net cost of \$200,000. (Construction cost of \$335,000 would be reduced by \$182,000 in federal aid and sale of the present site. Another \$140,000 would be allocated for books.)

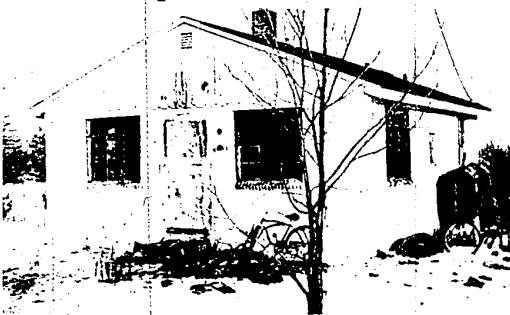
Tap-In Hearing Rescheduled To Jan. 16

Originally scheduled for Jan. 3, the hearing on the court case to prevent the City of Farmington from providing water and sewer facilities to the recently annexed Woodcroft area has been postponed until Jan. 16. The case will then come up before Judge William John Beer.

The Township is asking that the City be prohibited from constructing any facilities which do not connect into existing systems and that the City be obligated to charge tap-in fees.

Under Township ordinance \$150 per year or \$350 for a direct tap-in to the line is charged. Sewer \$75 per unit or \$400 for a direct water tap-in plus \$20 debt service charge per year per unit is assessed.

The acreage lost by annexation accounts for about one per cent of the Township's general revenue.



Family Of 7 Burned Out Of Home

A Farmington Township family of seven was left temporarily homeless Thursday morning when flames gutted the front room and kitchen of their home.

No one was injured in the fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mitchell, 2064

Drake Road.

Fire officials said the blaze apparently began when one child playing with a cigarette lighter set fire to the couch.

Mrs. Mitchell escaped to a neighbor's home with three of the children, aged 5 and 3

years and 2 1/2 months. Two older children, aged 13 and 14, were in school.

Mitchell declined offers of aid.

The house, owned by Charles Gentnor, was a total loss, fire officials said.

Trash Crisis Ending; New Contract Eyed

Temporarily, at least, Farmington Township's trash collection problem may be solved.

Taulbee Sanitation Co. of Walled Lake began picking up residents' trash Monday. Late in the week, Supervisor Curtis Hall said:

"We think, from the telephone not ringing, he's doing a very creditable job... I feel confident we'll reach an agreement with Taulbee such that we'll be able to enter into a long-term contract."

The ring of the telephone had seemed almost constant at times last month during the great trash crisis.

THE SUPERVISOR said he would meet with the Taulbee company at the end of the past week to discuss a contract. He doubted, however, that he would have a proposal to present to the Township Board at this Monday night's meeting.

Farmington Township has been without a once-a-month trash collection firm under contract since last summer when a company that had been under contract 4 1/2 years quit. Other firms took up the work for longer or shorter periods of time on a "gentleman's agreement" basis.

The Taulbee firm started work Monday. It's expected to take eight days to finish its collection in the entire township.

Meanwhile, the township has appointed a committee to study the possibility of combining the trash and garbage collections on a once-a-week basis. Such a program, Hall indicated, might cost \$200,000 a year — a sum requiring

nearly two mills of property tax revenue.

Currently, garbage is collected once a week by several competing companies who contract with individual homeowners. Trash collection is a township government function.

THERE'S ANOTHER, long-range, problem that worries Hall and some members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. That's the problem of where to put trash once it's picked up.

"All these holes that used

to be around here are getting filled up," he said. "Detroit's taking its trash almost to Brighton."

One idea the county board is studying is incinerators which would reduce trash to one-fourth of its original bulk. The problems of administration, finance and jurisdiction, however, are many and complex.

It might be at least three years, Hall said, before any such county-wide trash program could be put into operation.

Sidewalk Project Approved--Almost

The City Council has approved new assessment rates for a current sidewalk construction project, but it will be an extra two weeks before property owners get their bills.

It seems the Council forgot to confirm the \$9,000 in assessment rolls at its meeting Tuesday night.

The Council voted to close its public hearing, but it went on to other business before confirming the assessments against approximately 40 properties.

No one noticed the oversight until the meeting had adjourned. But the oversight is expected to be corrected at the Jan. 16 meeting.

The total project includes about 13,000 square feet of four-inch-thick concrete at \$3 cents a square foot (for the main pedestrian sections), about 3,000 square feet of six-

inch concrete at 65 cents a square foot (for driveways) and 15 cents per square foot for removal of old or broken sidewalk.

Property owners who need new sidewalks had the option of doing the work themselves or paying a city assessment.

The Council had apologized to a Maple Street homeowner who complained that a city employee told her husband that the city would pick up half the cost of sidewalk work, as it does with street work.

"Erroneous information was given," said City Manager John Dinan.

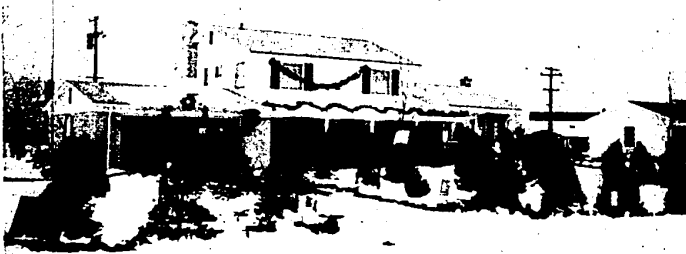
Councilman John Allen was critical of the administration for misleading the homeowner and thought an adjustment should be made. But other councilmen felt that the homeowner's plans or financial obligation hadn't been altered by the error in information and that no adjustment was called for.

In response to a question, the manager said the contractor, Demastri & Sons, is about 85 per cent finished with the project.

IN OTHER business, the City Council:

- Abandoned 150 feet of the right of way of Oakland Avenue west of Longacre Woodcroft Subdivision residents had requested that no street be built in that stretch to prevent Oakland's becoming a "through" street from Drake Road to the downtown. The city retained a 15-foot easement for future utility lines.

- Appropriated \$50 to sponsor one boy's attendance at the American Legion's Wolverine Boys' State to be held at Michigan State University June 14-21.
- Appointed Mrs. E.T. Cope, head of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, as representative to a Jan. 12 First State Conference on the Fine Arts in Lansing.



UPON THEIR RETURN from a vacation trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass of 28833 Kendallwood Dr. were greeted with this view of a used tree lot which

had been set up in their front yard by thoughtful friends and neighbors. To say the least, it was a surprising "welcome home."