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## Kuhn Prepares 1 Cent Sales Tax Hike Plan

Less than enthusiastic about Gov. Romney's proposed state income tax, State Sen. George Kuhn is ready to propose raising the state sales tax to five per cent in case the governor's plan fails.

## Clerks Seek Faster Count Of Ballots

The freshman Republican lawmaker from Birmingham referred to his sales tax increase plan as an "insurance" idea that would help balance the state budget.

Kuhn outlined his views in an interview with The Enterprise last week as Romney prepared to announce his fiscal reform program. "SHOULD THE income tax or fiscal reform fail (in the Legislature), and should there still be a need for additional revenues, I think the possibility of a five per cent sales tax might be more palatable to the people of Michigan," Kuhn said.

"Of course, this would take constitutional amendment and would require a vote of the people." Pennsylvania, Kuhn added, already has a five per cent state sales tax. "Pennsylvania is the only one today with a five per cent sales tax," Kuhn said, "but of course they do not have a state income tax, and neither does Ohio or Illinois. Those are neighboring states. This is a serious consideration. Industry might slight those other states to locate plants and sites if there's a so-called tax advantage" in Michigan, he said.

# Township Group Declares County Snow Removal Slow

## Says City Could Work Faster

Road conditions after last week's snowstorm have led the Citizens Council for Community Development to conclude that Farmington Township would get better road clearing service as an incorporated city.

"It was several hours after the snow stopped falling before any of the county's snow removal equipment was seen on even our main roads," the group charged in a statement issued by Stephanie Kuester.

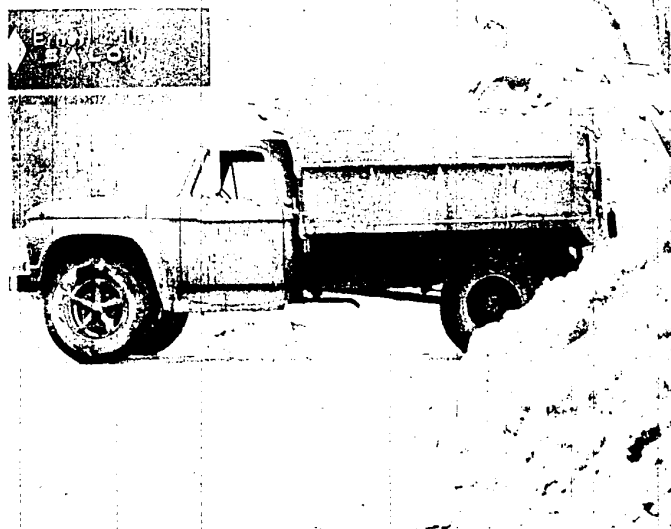
"THREE DAYS AFTER this snow, our local side roads remain near impassable," it said.

"Other sections of the county closer to Pontiac get this service while we in Farmington Township wait and wait."

"We believe that local (city) government could do a much better job with our roads than what is being done by the county."

"Preliminary indications are that we would receive substantially more money for road building and maintenance as a city than is now being spent by the county in the township." Pointing out that Oakland County Road Commission members are appointive, the group said a city government would be "more responsive to the needs of our citizens."

The Citizens Council is the group which circulated petitions last month asking an election on incorporation of most of Farmington Township as a home rule city. The Oakland County Board of Supervisors has not yet set a date.



SWALLOWED BY SNOW—A man-sized snow pile in front of a City of Farmington front-end loader erases the optical illusion that the scoop has been swallowed up by the snow.



ENTERPRISING CARRIERS—Farmington Enterprise's carriers showed some old-fashioned, enterprising gumption as they delivered papers after last Friday's storm. Mark Parmalee (left) took to skis and brother Steve went on snowshoes as they delivered to customers in Springland Subdivision.

COUNTY GENERAL Supl. Oscar Loomis said the county clears about 150 miles of township roads.

Unless streets were dead-end, he said, most local streets had at least one track open by the time the weekend was over.

He put the cost of clearing all county roads conservatively at \$80,000 with \$25,000 more to be spent on clean-up. No break-down was available for Farmington Township alone.

Altogether, he said, the county had 200 employees working two shifts over the weekend.

IN THE CITY of Farmington, six men put in 168 man-hours over the weekend opening paths down streets. A grader and two dump trucks with plows worked all day the first day of the storm.

Clearing-up operations went on Tuesday and Wednesday. Trucks took snow to the city lot on Farmington Road.

Graders worked most residential streets during the storm through Sunday morning.

City Public Works Director Theodore DeBene estimated the total cost of last weekend's snow removal in the city at \$1,800.

THERE WERE 12 injury accidents in the Township from noon Thursday through midnight Sunday. The city had 16 accidents.

### The Farmington Enterprise COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar is being sponsored as a public service in CHARGE by The Farmington Enterprise in cooperation with the JAYCEE AUXILIARY. . . All copy should be called to the calendar coordinator, Mrs. Roberta Hirzel, 478-1532, no later than Monday prior to date of publication.

- FEBRUARY**
- 6 Farmington City Council meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
  - 7 Executive board of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 8 p.m.
  - 7 Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4033 meets at 7:30 p.m.
  - 7 Gold Star Annual Mothers' Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Stella Styrz, 12 noon. For reservations call GR. 4-2404.
  - 9 Veterans of WWI meet at 8 p.m. at the Lakeway Hall, Lakeway and Grand River.
  - 10 VFW Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.
  - 12 Farmington Jaycee show rehearsal.
  - 13 Farmington City Planning Commission meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
  - 14 Farmington Jaycees General Membership Meeting, First Farmington Savings and Loan Association, 8:30 p.m.
  - 14 Farmington City Beautification Committee meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
  - 14 General Meeting of the Youth Guidance Committee, 8 p.m.
  - 15 Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society is presenting a community information forum. Dr. Richard Wilson will speak about the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. A question and answer period will follow. Farmington Junior High, 8 p.m.
  - 15 Cloverdale School PTA sponsors a Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$1.00, Children 50c. Cloverdale Activities room.
  - 15 Shawwassee PTA executive board meets at 8:00 p.m. in the school library.
  - 16 Blue Star Mothers Chapter 49 meet at 1 p.m., Wheeler Fire Hall.
  - 16 Shawwassee School PTA presents the movie "At War With the Army" in the school's multi purpose room at 2 p.m. (Preschoolers admitted only with an adult).
  - 19 Farmington Jaycees show rehearsal.
  - 20 Farmington City Council meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
  - 20 Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club holds its dinner meeting at Koster's Restaurant, 6:45 p.m. Members and guests invited. For reservations call 476-7000.
  - 21 Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary meets at 8 p.m. First Farmington Savings and Loan Association.
  - 21 League of Women Voters of Farmington meets at 8 p.m. Please call 476-3826 for more information.
  - 22 League of Women Voters of Farmington meets at 12:30 p.m. Please call 476-3826 for more information.
  - 24 VFW Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.
  - 26 Farmington Jaycee show rehearsal.
  - 27 Farmington City Planning Commission meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
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## Worst In Nature, Best In Man

Snow, ice and impassable roads may have been the worst in nature, but they brought out the best in human beings.

Neighbor helped neighbor shovel out of the mess, pretty much the way pioneers were said to have aided one another.

Mrs. Lloyd Heintz of Briarton Road was impressed by a group of teenagers who shoveled and dug and pushed fellow townsmen out of tight spots.

Two runs were made to investigate reports of smoke, and a run was made to investigate a defective hot water heater. Investigation was made of an attempted suicide. One resident died of a heart attack from shoveling snow.

THAT OLD standby, the Farmer's Almanac had accurately predicted that snow plows would be on the run during the early part of February.

Take heart.

The Almanac's weather prediction for Feb. 6 through Feb. 10 is for "clear and milder days."

TELEPHONE CREWS worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday replacing a telephone cable at Middlebelt and Nine Mile that was knocked out by snow piled up by plows.

A number of residential lines were damaged by falling tree limbs.

Hugh Bornaugh, Farmington commercial manager for the telephone company, says there were no major problems because no telephone poles were put out of commission. He says when one of these snags, lines go down like dominoes.

Special telephone crews were out Saturday and Sunday putting in residential phone lines.

TOWNSHIP POLICE handled six emergency runs from Friday through Sunday.

A woman in labor was taken from Powers Road to Botsford General Hospital.

A man who had run 300 yards through deep snow to his home was taken to Botsford with chest pains.

Medicine for a heart patient was delivered to an address on Scotten near Middlebelt.

CONSUMERS POWER Co. had no storm troubles other than difficulties getting down residential streets to answer calls for adjustments on appliances.

### around the block

AROUND THE BLOCK TO THE ENTERPRISE office lolloped Duke, all 40 pounds of him. Duke is the 15 weeks old St. Bernard puppy of the Janette family, and his feet are already larger than his mother's, presaging the monster he will soon be. Right now he is fluffy, frolicsome and totally adorable, and we're so glad he stopped in to shake our paw.

FRED SAMRA BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION the fact that New Horizons had to have a much larger number since it was located quite a bit west of its insurance office. Sure enough, the number should be 35100 Grand River, so it's better to go if you have any jobs the workshop cant take care of you.

MRS. SUBURBANITE'S CAR DOOR handle fell off not long ago, and she finally mentioned it to the master of the house. He muttered something that sounded like "cork wrench" (it turned out to be torque) and disappeared into the cluttered interior of the furnace room. He returned with a set of nuts she had always thought were extra latches for the screen doors. In no time she was back in business and no longer had to roll down her window to open the door from the outside. Aren't men superior, though?

IN THE RECENT ARTICLES about the Churchill anniversary, it was revealed that the name of the P. M.'s nanny was Mrs. Everest. Wouldn't it take someone just that high and mighty to deal with the infant Winston? Even so, we don't envy her the task.

FLY TIERS ARE BEING OFFERED courses in some of the nearby schools with an opportunity to learn about 35 patterns including dry and wet flies as well as streamers. We are at work right now devising a course for the infant so that they can learn in our 10-week session how to distinguish between a mouthful of feathers and fishhook and a defecatable morsel of juicy mayfly. We are using our pen that writes under water.

DID YOU READ THAT PIGS are moving indoors? They will be deprived of their insulating layer of lard and from now on there will be slimline pigs in streamlined pens. Anyone who is a friend of E. B. White's Wilbur will mourn the piling up of the muddy old wallow and the slop trough. Oh, where are the sows of yesteryear?

by Shirley Berger