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Municipal Study Group To Work At Full Speed

Snow Costs Pile Up

Farmington's city snow removal costs are piling up as big as a pile of snow. This fiscal year, \$10,180 was budgeted for snow removal, and \$9,576 or 95 per cent had been spent by the end of January.

"That was only five days after the big snowstorm hit us. And the figures so far don't cover any of February's work." "Ofhand," said City Manager John Dinan ruefully. "I'd say we're going to go over the budget."

Last year, at the end of January, only 55 per cent of the snow removal budgeted figure had been used up. The situation this year isn't peculiar to Farmington. One local newspaper after another has reported snow removal costs exceeding budget figures.

Most of the cost, Dinan pointed out, is in manpower—many men and long hours.

Democrats' Next Topic Library

Farmington Democrats will consider the proposed district library expansion when they meet Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the community room of City National Bank, 10 Mile at Orchard Lake roads.

A library board representative has been scheduled to speak on the proposal to increase the property tax rate in the township to finance a major expansion program. Aldo Vagozoli, former Farmington Democratic Club president who was elected chairman of the 19th Congressional District organization at last week's state convention, will discuss district plans to recapture the seat lost to a Republican last year.

Chairman Gerald Freedman will announce committee appointments. Farmington was represented by 10 delegates at the state convention.



IT WAS HORRIBLE!—The boy cheerleaders seemed to take it in stride, but shock and horror registered on the faces of Farmington High School's girl cheerleaders as FHS dissipated a seven-point lead and finally lost the game and league basketball title to Pontiac Northern last Tuesday. Fran Evert, on assignment to shoot game pictures, turned to the audience to get this emotional scene. (Story and more photos on page A-2.)

New City Vote To Force Pace

Full speed ahead in all areas at once.

That will be the approach of the Farmington Municipal Government Study Committee as it attempts to put together a seven-part survey of governmental needs before voters in part to the township to decide whether to incorporate as a home rule city.

Committee Chairman John Richardson late in the week announced chairing of three of the areas along with other officers.

Meanwhile, the study committee has invited the public to a public meeting next Thursday, March 2, at 8 p. m. in the Farmington High School library to hear Paul Reid, chairman of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Dr. Richardson said it is vital to collect as much practical information as possible because of the approaching election—expected sometime in spring—in incorporating most of Farmington Township as the "City of Farmington Hills."

A WEEK ago, the study committee decided to move ahead first in collecting population data and projections. Chairmen of that subcommittee will be Bill Hults and George Hults, on subdivision representatives.

Heading the home construction study will be John Allen, Farmington's only contractor. Public service and utility information will be collected under the guidance of Norv Kennedy, Jaycees president.

Still to be appointed, Dr. Richardson said, are teams to collect facts on the economic base and land use, local government data, existing public controls of land use, and education.

DKCK TUPPER, a Jaycees member, will be vice chairman of the full study committee. Mrs. Stella Styrze, representing the Board of Commerce, will be secretary.

WORKING WITH the study group is Michigan State University's Institute for Community Development.

Their experts have cautioned the Farmington group against planning headlong into incorporation of any pattern of governmental change until a thorough study is made of municipal needs and resources.

The upsetting factor, however, is that a township citizens group last month filed petitions with the county asking an election on incorporation.

That election must be conducted first before any election could be held on a possible consolidation of the city and township.

Thus, the forthcoming incorporation election is forcing the study committee to work at top possible speed.



INJUN CUBS — Members of Cub Pack 118 donned Indian garb, much of it home-made, for their blue and gold banquet in First Methodist Church a week ago. From left: John Ford of Den 9, Tim Noble of Den 5 and Gary Plato of Den 3.

Burdick Zoning Hearing March 23

Facing the threat of a referendum on the controversial Burdick property multiple zoning, Township Planning Commission Thursday night set March 23 for a public hearing on proposed office zoning for the 4.5 acre site.

Office zoning, if approved by the Township Board, will make the referendum moot. Township Attorney T. J. Brennan says he feels there is not enough opposition to office zoning for objectors to get the needed 3,000 signatures required to call another referendum. Also, office zoning would

wipe out any cause for action property owner Judge Burdick had originally requested rezoning of the parcel from single residential to business which the Township Board denied on the recommendation of Planner Charles Lehman because of contributing traffic congestion. Burdick then requested multiple zoning, which Lehman recommended as did the County Coordinating Committee. Subsequently the Board rezoned to multiple and 3,800 signatures were obtained for a referendum.

Commission opinion is that office zoning will be as good a buffer for abutting property owners as multiple would be. Ultimate use of the site will depend on the extension of Northwestern Highway as a part of an expressway when a service drive will take a 114-foot slice off the corner.

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Longacre Honored By Foundation

For the second year, Longacre Elementary School has been the only named Detroit area school recipient of an honor certificate award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

Directed by their teacher, Maynard Harris, now at Greenfield School, Longacre 4th and 5th grade pupils submitted entries in the areas of American heritage, famous Americans and individual responsibilities.

Driver Put On Probation

Edward H. Ryan, 18, of 21333 Farmington Rd., Farmington, was placed on a year's probation by Farmington Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand last week.

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F'ton Winners Rank High In Art Awards

Farmington emerged with more than its share of winners in the annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition. The show is being held at Crowley's downtown auditorium through March 4.

Included in the exhibit are pieces chosen by a three-man jury from 6,537 works submitted. These entries came from 102 schools in 40 towns outside Detroit and from 49 Detroit schools.

The art work is judged in 11 classifications including a class from painting and drawing as well as pottery, sculpture and other crafts. Scholarships to art schools across the country are given

through the national competition: out of 22 accepted for the national competition, five from Farmington were named. Local students thus honored are: Eric Capel and Cynthia Wayne from Farmington High School; Steven Lawing, Katherine Maclean, and Doug Tyler from North Farmington and Marie Henderson from Our Lady of Mercy.

Blue ribbons in the senior division were awarded to: Eric Capel of FHS, James Prain and Janice Young of NFHS for transparent water color; John Hoffmeyer of Clarenceville High, for opaque water color; James Prain of NFHS for ink drawing; Susan

Davidge of NFHS for pastels, crayon, etc. Michael Pattison of NFHS for mixed media. Greg Koike of NFHS for graphic design; Michael Brassfield of FHS and Nannette Browne of NFHS for jewelry.

Senior division gold keys were won by: Eric Capel of FHS, Michael Pattison, Doug Tyler, Pamela Ward and Janice Young of NFHS for transparent water colors; Terrance Cavins of Clarenceville and Jody Hare of OLM for opaque water colors; Maureen Crave of OLM for pencil drawing; Eric Capel, Herbert Price, and Larry Taylor of FHS for pastels, crayon, etc. James Prain of NFHS for mixed media; Ronald Bacon of NFHS for design for textiles; Barbara Frankel of NFHS for pottery; Robert Miller and Carol Robertson of FHS; Terri Kerzner of NFHS for jewelry.

Junior division gold keys were presented to Timothy Decatur of Clarenceville for opaque water colors; Lori Crave of OLM for pencil drawing; Marla Giacalone of OLM for ink drawing; Laura Gonzalez of OLM for textile design.

Winners of senior division certificates include: Gina Parsons of FHS, Alice Wright and Patricia Haller of OLM for oils; Eric Capel of FHS, Gregory J. Conrad and Steve Lawing, Katherine Maclean, James Prain, Michael Pattison and Ann Wingle of NFHS for transparent water color; Douglas Tyler, and Debbie Pyle of NFHS; Kathleen Bartlett, Barbara Boos, Marie K. Henderson, Maureen Lenardon, June Teggan and Alice Wright of OLM for opaque water colors; John Cassell, Mark Reed and Larry Taylor of FHS; Karen Oster of NFHS; Jennifer Cahill, Patricia Haller, Elizabeth Heinrich, and Sharon Sosnowski of OLM for pencil drawing; Cynthia Wayne of FHS; Marsha MacDowell and Steve Lawing of NFHS; Mary Devozel, Maria Manley, Recarl Stephens, Jennifer Cahill and Maureen Crave of OLM for mixed media; Jennifer Cahill of OLM for opaque water color; Elaine Hillgrand of OLM for ink drawing; Guy Davis and Pamela Love of FHS; E. Colobel for mixed media; Kathleen Bartlett of OLM for calligraphy.

Deadline On '66 Plates Here Tuesday

Deadline for new license plates is midnight Tuesday, Feb. 28. Drivers without new plates will be ticketed for amounts not exceeding \$5.

Not everybody is avoiding the rush for plates. An Enterprise survey taken in midweek indicates that only one in three cars had new plates on.

Plates may be purchased 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. weekdays at the AAA office, 2334 Farmington Road, and the Farmington Secretary of State branch, 33304 Grand River. AAA hours Saturday are 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; branch hours 9 a. m. to noon.

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Council of Govts. Growing

"Our dilemma is to retain local home rule while combining our local resources for regional challenges beyond our individual capabilities."

The committee has specifically recommended that the Council of Governments take responsibility for the Detroit Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

Regional problems as the committee sees them could include air pollution, child and youth guidance, environmental health, relations with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, parks and recreation, regional planning, public safety and refuse.

Local members of the Committee of One Hundred include: Super. of Schools G. V. Harrison, Township Supervisor Curtis Hall and city Supervisor (and Oakland County Board Chairman) Delos Hamlin.

SEVERAL FRINGS seem to make some suburbanites wary of joining such a council. Loss of local autonomy is one. The fear seems to be that the Council of Governments may evolve into a metropolitan planning commission.

Another source of underlying wariness is the feeling that many of the so-called regional problems are really Detroit's problems. Some suburbanites feel they should leave these problems behind when they drive home along the expressways at night.

The Township Board is scheduled to have the matter on its Feb. 27 agenda. City officials joined with some enthusiasm, but indications are that some township officials, if they speak their minds frankly, have mixed emotions.

The City Council Monday voted 5 to 0 to join the Council of Governments. The motion was offered by Councilman Ralph Yoder; and warmly praised by Mayor Wilbur Brotherton. Cost to the city will be \$450 a year.

PURPOSE of the council is unite some 300 to 400 local units of government in six counties—Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Monroe—into a single, voluntary organization. The sponsoring Committee of One Hundred says the group's underlying assumption is that the six counties "form one regional community. Our citizenry is bounded together physically, economically and socially and is affected and serviced by not just one unit of government but by many . . .

AROUND THE BLOCK THIS WEEK came Mrs. George Gildemeister with some marvelous photos of Farmington in its earlier days which the Enterprise will be sharing with you later. The Gildemeisters owned the rolling mill which used to be located behind the Enterprise building where the parking lot is now. We're so delighted that she was willing to lend us her priceless pictures.

MRS. GILDEMEISTER'S PARENTS were the Owens who "owned" the village hotel. She recalled that a former Enterprise editor who lived at the hotel used to sashay around town wearing a flowing cape and would regale the hotel patrons with his flashy piano renditions of "Annie Laurie" etc. Shades of the beatniks!

ANOTHER FARMINGTON CHAPTER draws to a close. We toddled over on Sunday to attend the final recital of Mrs. William Lancaster's oral expression class which has been a local institution for 23 years. Such a cute little lady, she's 86 now and impaired hearing is cutting short her career.

SEVEN WHO WAS GIVEN a pushbutton pressurized can of toothpaste of her own to see if that would prompt more elbow action was trying it out. As TV saturated as the next seven year old, she reacted, "Well, it doesn't taste like one of the leading brands to me."

SOMEONE HAS SKETCHED A lively illustration for Elise Avery's door reminding Township dog owners that it's new license time for Fido. One dollar for him, says the sign, \$2 for his girlfriends, and \$1 for friends of newer gender. After Feb. 28, however, the fees skyrocket to \$5 and \$7.50, so you'd all better get in on the last minute stampede. It seems to be another clear-cut instance of discrimination against the female. by Shirley Berger