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# Tax Bills To Arrive Soon

## Jr. Miss Pageant Saturday

A total of 12 finalists have been named in the Farmington Junior Miss Pageant sponsored annually by the Farmington Jaycees. The winner will be chosen Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Junior High.

Norm Potts will serve as MC of the evening with all 12 finalists performing their respective talents before the audience. The program will run all day beginning with interviews with the judges at 9 a.m.

Finalists are: Judy Mackey, Darby McGinnis, Cindy Wehrle, Mary Muhl, Ava Allen and Jill Jakes, from North Farmington; Diane Rudski, Elisabeth Strane, Pat Lavelle and Theresa Passif from Our Lady of Sorrows; and Sue Himmelsbach from Farmington High School.

Judges are: Stella Strys of the Custom Bridal Shop; Charles Bridges, Michigan Bell; and Marshall Wallace, registrar of the U. of M. Dearborn campus.

Winner of the Pageant will receive a \$200 college scholarship and will go to the state pageant in January. The first runner up will receive a \$50 savings bond and the second runner up will receive a \$25 savings bond.

Dorothy Sediv will play the organ at the final judging and last year's final winner and Michigan's Junior Miss, Bonnie Britton will attend the Pageant and crown the new Junior Miss.

## Campus Gets Federal Funds

The Oakland Community College campus in Farmington Township has received \$750,000 in funds to aid in the construction of the facility.

Seven buildings now are under construction on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Township. The first portion of the \$16-million project is to be completed by the fall of 1967.

James W. Hobson, OCC vice president-treasurer, said that the funds were allotted under the provisions of the Higher Education Act and came from the Bureau of Higher Education of the Michigan Department of Education.

Included in the grant was \$750,000 for the Auburn Hills Campus in Pontiac Township. A \$22-million complex of 11 buildings is planned for this site.

This grant is the second one to go to the Orchard Ridge campus. Earlier this year a federal grant was awarded to assist in the construction.

**Regular Pickup Set**  
The regular City of Farmington Thursday garbage and rubbish pickup will take place on Thanksgiving Day. As in the past, this collection is scheduled to begin considerably earlier than usual so people can put out their materials the evening before.



THESE CHARMING young ladies were among those participating in the preliminary rounds of the Farmington Junior Miss Pageant. Standing, from left, are Monica Valadez, Pat Lavelle, Carol Cox, Ava Allen, Liz Strand and Carol Hoelcher.

## City Council Gives Support Again to Unification Study

The Farmington City Council reaffirmed its intention to cooperate in a study regarding unification of the Farmington community Monday night and named City Manager John Dinan as the city's representative to the group and as the liaison with the Council.

Dinan's office was also instructed to cooperate in providing any necessary information for the study.

The Pre-study Steering Committee of the Greater Farmington Board of Commerce, the Farmington Jaycees and the Farmington League of Women Voters wrote to the Council asking for a formal resolution of their intent.

Consensus of the Council was that it had stated its feelings on the matter earlier, but if the formal resolution was needed it would restate the Council's position.

## Clarke Heads Pension Board

Robert J. Clarke has been named chairman of the Farmington Township Employees Retirement System Committee. The appointment was made at the organizational meeting of the committee Nov. 17.

Other members of the committee are: Richard J. Wallace, chairman, two-year term; William J. Kelly, one-year; and Robert D. Romar, employee, one-year; and Township Treasurer Elise P. Avery, one-year.

In other business the committee also heard a report from the City of Farmington to the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington as the depository.

A total of \$7,875.31 has been paid into the fund by Township employees since the beginning of the year.

## City Cuts Donation To Fund

The Farmington Board of Commerce Christmas Lighting Project suffered a setback Monday night when the Farmington City Council cut back its donation from \$750 to \$200.

Action by the City Fathers came after they told representatives of the Board of Commerce that they understood that the previous contributions of \$750 in 1964 and 1965 was merely to help the Board purchase the decorations.

Ed Balden, vice-chairman of the Board, told the Council that this year's gift came from the purchase of two 45-foot "Seasons Greetings" signs which would be erected so that they could be viewed from the expressways.

City Manager John Dinan pointed out that the City provides the personnel and equipment to help erect the decorations within the City limits and estimated that this "approximately \$300 per year."

The matter goes before the Farmington Township Board at its meeting next Monday for a Township contribution to the fund. Last year the Township donated \$550 to the Board of Commerce for the project.

Bill Bowman, chairman of the Board of Commerce told The Observer that the City cut back in the city's contribution would force the Board to make a strong and urgent appeal to the businessmen of the community in order to finance the project.

## Parents Obtain Sidewalks

It looks as though the children at the Eagle Elementary School in northern Farmington Township will have sidewalks.

A group of parents from the Eagle Elementary School in northern Farmington Township have been successful in getting the Farmington Board of Education Nov. 14 asking for help in constructing a sidewalk on the north side of 14 Mile Rd. from the Kimberly Knolls Subdivisions.

## Hunt Receives Certificate

Raymond Hunt, commander of the Groves Walker Post of the American Legion and chairman of the City of Farmington's United Nations Day observance, received a certificate of award in "appreciation and recognition of his public service in promoting observance of United Nations Day in Farmington."

The certificate is signed by President Johnson, the national chairman of UN Day, and Brotherton as Mayor of the City of Farmington.

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LINDA MORTENSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mortenson of 33860 Braebury Ridge, Farmington Township, reigned as queen at the 1966-67 Homecoming at Taylor University in Indiana. A senior elementary education student, she has been active in many campus affairs. During her sophomore year Linda was a member of the Homecoming Court and last year served in the Sweetheart Queen Court.

## Goodfellows Seek Needy Families

With the familiar theme of "No Child Without a Christmas," the Farmington Goodfellows have opened their annual campaign.

Anyone knowing of needy families in the Farmington community are asked to call 4-5460 and provide the names and addresses to the organization.

Investigation Committee Chairman Mac Goldsmith emphasized that it is important to have the names of the needy families as soon as possible in order to allow time for a thorough check in the needs and requirements of the people. Investigators will be checking out information on the number of children, ages, shoe sizes and other data in the community.

That number to call is 474-9960. The phone will be manned Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In order to help finance this year's drive the Goodfellows will take to the streets of the community Friday, Dec. 9 to sell the annual Goodfellow newspaper.

General chairman of this year's drive is Bob Hall. Committee chairmen are: Goldsmith; Lou McCready, packaging and delivery; Dick Tipper, newspaper sale; Bill Eberhart, Elks Lodge Toys for Tots; and Sally Witt, who will see that all those dolls are dressed.

The Goodfellow drive is sponsored in the community by the Farmington Exchange Club.

## Santa Arrives Friday at Plaza

That jolly old man in the red suit with the long white beard will arrive in Farmington astride a bright red fire engine Friday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

Free candy canes will be distributed to all the youngsters who visit Santa in his trailer in the Plaza parking lot.

## City and Township Set Bills

"There are only two things in life that one can be certain of . . . begins the old saying.

Taxes for the schools, county and Farmington Township are due Dec. 31. You should be receiving them in the mail soon.

Township Treasurer Elise P. Avery reports that, although her office is slightly behind on processing the roll the bills should be in the mail by Dec. 10.

In the City the bills will be mailed Nov. 30, according to City Treasurer Kathryn D. Gutter.

The bills to the City residents will cover the school and Oakland County taxes. The City taxes are due on July 1 each year and the special levy for the Oakland Community College is billed at that time.

In the Township, however, the bill is due for the school and county taxes along with the Township levy and the Oakland Community College operating tax.

Total roll in the City is \$1,196,731.37. Real property tax revenue is \$22,807,100, while \$4,235,380 is from personal property.

The Farmington Schools will take \$386,417.35 of this, while \$210,313.92 will go to Oakland County for the County Intermediate School District and the county services.

The tax rate (for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation) in the City is: Oakland County, 6.278, and Oakland County Intermediate School District, 1.585. In the Farmington School District the rate is 36.89.

This comes to 44.843 per thousand.

Farmington Township residents living in the Farmington School District.

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## Has Driving Restricted

Bedel Boyd of 22414 Walsingham, Farmington, has had his driving privileges restricted for 30 days by Farmington Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand. Boyd was fined \$100 plus \$25 court costs after being convicted of reckless driving. The judge also took his driving license away for 30 days and restricted his driving to and from his place of employment.

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# Township Court Suit Is Being Researched

Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan reports that he is researching and working on the court suit which the Township Board has instructed him to file in the Oakland County Circuit Court seeking an injunction to prevent the City from doing any sewer or water work in the Woodcroft subdivisions until a financial settlement is reached. Brennan took issue with the report that he would file the case last Wednesday morning asserting that preparing such a case takes a tremendous amount of research and advance work.

He told The Observer that when all the papers were completed and he discussed the case with some additional people he would file the papers in the Circuit Court. "That will probably be the middle of next week," he added.

Brennan called the case "an interesting legal question" and added that he thought the Township's grounds were "good." He said that he has found nothing directly in point in his research, but termed the legal question "very complicated."

At issue is the City's statement that it would pay its

portion of the Township-wide indebtedness for the water and sewer systems for the recently annexed 457 acre parcel as determined on the basis of the assessed valuation in the area in relation to the overall assessed valuation of the entire Township.

Township officials contend, however, that the City be required to pay up in fees for each unit serviced as a means of reducing the debt.

A few years ago the Township residents at large voted approval of a one mill levy for a period of 20 years

to provide the facilities to the Industrial Park. The Township administration has placed the lost in revenue to the water and sewer fund at \$800,000 if the City has its way.

Farmington City Manager John Dinan told The Observer on Monday that the City Council's commitment to the residents of Woodcroft was firm and no matter what decision might be made on the question water and sewer facilities would be provided to the residents at the costs quoted by the City Council prior to the annexation election.