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Schools Slash \$497,256 From Budget



THE CITY fathers were delighted when the annexation attempt of the Woodcroft area was successful last November. However, the city limit sign still stands at the corner of Gill Rd. and Grand River instead of at Halstead and Grand River. The Department of Public Services says that the project of moving the sign is "on the work list."

Budget Proposes 8% Raise for City Police

By TIM RICHARD
 Farmington will come close to holding the line on its city budget and property taxes, according to a proposed new budget which City Manager John D. Dinan submitted Monday to the Council.
 Spending would total \$609,481, about five per cent bigger than the budgeted amount in the current year and less than one per cent more than estimated actual spending.
 Property taxes, on balance, would rise a small amount. An assessment increase of 11.1 per cent would be largely offset by a cut in the property tax rate of 8.7 per cent.
 Here's how the tax picture would look in the case of a home worth, under ideal market conditions, \$20,000: In the current year, the house would be assessed at 45 per cent, or \$9,000. The city tax rate is \$11.50 per \$1,000 for a bill on that house of \$103.50.
 In the coming fiscal year, the house would be assessed at 50 per cent, or \$10,000 for a bill of \$105.
 Thus, in the hypothetical \$20,000 house, the tax bill would increase \$1.50.
 The new fiscal year will begin July 1. The City Council has until May 15, the third Monday in May, in which to adopt a new budget.
 Biggest single department increase in Dinan's proposed budget is in public safety, which would receive nearly \$207,750, a boost of three per cent over the current year's budget. Three-fourths of that amount is officers' and clerks' salaries.
 Dinan notes it's an increase of \$15,015 above the previous fiscal year due to substantial increases in public safety officers' salaries. This has come about due to the shortage of manpower and the fact that the City of Farmington has substantially lower salaries than the majority of communities in the Detroit metropolitan area.
 "With these substantial increases, we will (still) be below the average of surrounding communities. These increases will certainly be helpful in our attempt to remedy these deficiencies, and will aid in recruiting and retaining personnel."
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Teachers Take Issue With Bond Limits

The Farmington Education Association through its representatives in the Region 7 Council (Oakland County) and by resolution of that Council has strongly urged Gov. Romney to use his good offices to change the administrative decision of the Michigan Finance Commission.
 The Commission has placed limitations on the full faith and credit of the state behind school building programs when they have qualified under state law.
 Teachers consider it most improper and unethical to change the rules after programs have been developed, to force school districts to look to operating funds for capital improvements, and to "create a situation which will have the effect of raising interest rates."
 The Region 7 Council is a regional unit of the Michigan Education Association which consists of more than twenty-

five districts in Oakland County, and representing some 8,000 teachers in their professional education associations.
 This was the order from the City Council Monday night.
 It all started when the Council heard a letter from John Clappison requesting that the Council consider using a clean up man strictly in the business area of the Bel Air City when making up the budget for the coming fiscal year.

B. Brown Quits, Hat In Ring

The only woman on the Farmington Board of Education, Barbra Brown, has announced that she will not run for re-election in June.
 Dr. Sanford Bloomberg of 28570 Pipers Lane has announced his candidacy for the post. The election is scheduled for June 12.
 Mrs. Brown told The Observer that she had been a member of the Board for the past seven years and felt that that was long enough. "I think this is a good time to go off the Board," she added, "as there is only one seat up for election. That way there will only be one new Board member rather than two or three."
 As the representative of the dissent side, Mrs. Brown served as secretary of the Board and served on many county and regional school board committees. She also represented the Farmington Board of Education at many conferences and workshops.
 Bloomberg has a private practice of psychiatry in Farmington, and is the school psychiatrist for the Birmingham Public School System. His background in school and youth work includes two years as the school psychiatrist for the Highland Park Public Schools.
 He is presently father vice president and program chairman of the Beechview PTA and is chairman of the Case Study Committee of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee.
 Bloomberg has served as coordinator for a seminar for parents on problems in child development sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA, as orientation chairman for Cub Scout Pack #175, and as a team coach in the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League.
 He holds a B.A. from the University of Vermont, a M.A. from Columbia University and a M.D. from the University of Vermont's College of Medicine. He studied psychiatry at Northville State Hospital.
 Bloomberg's professional affiliations include: the Michigan Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, the Oakland County Medical Society and the American Psychiatric Association.



GROUND WAS broken for the Oak Hill Nursing Home at the corner of Gill Rd. and Grand River in the City of Farmington Friday. From left, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maahs and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Blumberg, owners of the property, turn the first shovelful of dirt.

Chamberlain Parcel Gets Office Zoning

The corner of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt was rezoned by the Farmington Township Board Monday night to allow for the construction of an office by the Chamberlain Real Estate Company.

Township Accidents Injure Three

Three people were injured in two separate automobile accidents in Farmington Township over the weekend.
 Following a two car collision at Middlebelt and 12 Mile Rds. at 10:20 p.m. Friday, April 7 Marie A. Williams, 19, and Thomas M. French, 21, were taken to Botsford General Hospital.
 Miss Williams, a student at Marygrove College, was listed as in "satisfactory" condition Monday at Botsford.
 French was transferred from Botsford's emergency room to the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He is being treated in that hospital's intensive care unit.
 Miss Williams was a passenger in a car driven by Arthur J. Buglione, 19, of Tarrytown, N. Y. He was not injured.
 Julius H. Meyer, 60, of Lincoln Park was injured April 9 when his pickup truck overturned on Grand River a half mile west of Halstead Rd. No other vehicle was involved in the accident.
 Meyer was taken to Botsford's emergency room to Wyandotte General Hospital where he was listed as in "satisfactory" condition.

New Jr. High Not To Open in Sept.

By SHIRLEY BERGER
 The Farmington Board of Education trimmed a total of \$497,256 from its operating budget for the coming year in an effort to bring expenditures more in line with anticipated revenues.
 As originally proposed, the budget totaled \$5,442,267. Anticipated revenue for the District is \$8,204,278.
 Included in the cuts were: the decision not to open the partially completed Power Junior High School in September; cutting back of six additional teachers on the elementary level; curtailment of extra-curricular activities at the high school level and a reduction of custodial services; along with a reduction in the administrative budget by eliminating the position of community relations coordinator.
 A final \$20,500 was beefed off by Board Member Leland G. Clifford in his motion for adoption. This would have covered teleprocessing a equipment which would allow instant communication with the Oakland County School Board's computer setup.
 "Conversion to a mechanical system should save you money, not cost you more," was Clifford's contention.
 "Teleprocessing is practical only when in frequent use on a day-to-day basis, and I don't think we have that need," he added.
 Delay in the opening of Power Junior High will account for some \$177,500 in terms of instructional and secretarial salaries, another \$45,700 in custodial help, utilities and supplies. Construction at the new site is lagging due to strikes, material shortages and road conditions around that area.
 Capital outlay totaling \$80,785 will be cut by reducing equipment expenditures throughout the school system. An additional \$21,000 will be eliminated by postponing the addition of typing classes to the junior high school curriculum.
 At the elementary level, expenditures will be cut by \$38,000 by cutting back six of the additional staff planned to meet projected pupil growth. Further curtailment amounting to \$20,000 will be realized from reductions of part-time clerical services, books, and audio-visual materials.
 Elimination of the office of Community Relations Co-ordinator (Continued on Page 4A)

Township OK's Union

Farmington Township's first contract with organized labor was signed into existence Monday night.
 It covers nine persons in the building department — assessor, deputy assessor, building inspector, electrical inspector, plumbing inspector, zoning enforcement officer and a senior inspector. They are members of Local 1456 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO.
 The contract took more than a year to negotiate. AFSCME representative Clyde Alsup said the two-year contract is retroactive to April 1 of 1966 and expires at the end of March, 1968.
 Pay raises over the two-year life of the contract, Alsup said, total \$1,200—\$500 the first year and \$700 the second.
 Other major gains, the union spokesman said, are:
 • Union security and dues check-off systems.
 • Life and health/accident insurance paid by the Township. Previously, those plans were employer-paid.
 • A pension fund.
 • A grievance procedure.
 Signing the contract were Alsup, representing the union council; George T. Cook, representing the covered township employees; and Township Supervisor Curtis Hall.

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Brotherton Is Re-elected Mayor

Wilbur V. Brotherton will continue as Mayor of the City of Farmington for the next two years and Councilman Howard Thayer will serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem.
 Both were re-elected to their second two-year terms Monday night with the reorganization of the City Council.
 Safety should enforce the ordinance to help correct the problem. The department was instructed to keep a check on the area and to ticket the owners of the center if the problem is not solved.
 Under the City's litter ordinance a fine of up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail can be levied by the Municipal Court.
 On other action the Council:
 • Authorized Boy Scout Troop No. 45 to conduct a paper drive Saturday, April

City to Enforce Litter Law

29 at the southwest corner of Grave and Grand River in the parking lot of the Farmington Shopping Center:
 • Approved the request of a carry out beer and wine liquor license to John L. Harris, 20220 Farmington Rd., from Michael W. and Philip R. Holmes; and
 • Directed City Manager John Dinan and City Attorney Robert Kelly to draft a resolution requesting that the legislature consider local sharing of state collected revenues as part of the fiscal reform program.



TWO BROKEN LEGS were suffered by a vehicle by Merle R. Bordenier, 37, of Roseville, who had the green light in his favor. Bordenier said that he was westbound on Ford and as he crossed Middlebelt, Schwab stepped in front of him. Bordenier skidded before striking the pedestrian, Schwab, a brick-layer, who was hospitalized for several months. No ticket was issued by the police.