

City Approves Area Study Funds



'Schools Need State Tax Reform' Harrison

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Expressing concern for the school system he has supervised the past 10 years, Farmington Schools Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison feels it necessary to warn Farmington area residents of the probable result of the impending failure of the state legislature to pass a fiscal reform bill.

Harrison, who is scheduled to retire from his school post at the end of the current school year,

notes last week's House defeat of Gov. Romney's fiscal reform package as the reason for school system alarm, pointing to Romney's threatened 15 percent budget should tax reform not come.

"Farmington's schools get 52 percent of their operating expenses from the state," Harrison states, "and a 15 percent cutback in state funds would mean a \$645,000 slice out of our yearly budget."

Noting that 85 percent of

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WJR Star Named FolliesMC

Jack Harris, a vocalist on both WJR and WXYZ-TV, will be the MC for the upcoming Founders Follies June 29 and 30 at the Mercy High School Auditorium.

The Follies will kick off the activity for this year's

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Council Action

The Farmington City Council Monday night conducted the following items of business:

City Vacates Street

City vacation of Ross St. from Oakland to Shiawasse was approved by the Council following public hearing. Action on the suggested vacation of Astor St. from Hawthorne to the east city limits was postponed until the next meeting.

Sidewalk Money Accepted

The Longacre School PTA donated \$300 to the city for the planned construction of a sidewalk for the school. The PTA had been collecting the money for six years.

Chief Appointed Delegate

Director of Public Safety, Robert Deadman, was appointed city delegate to the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association. The function of the TIA is to coordinate traffic activities in all Oakland County communities.

Budget Adopted

Following the general tenor of approval that arose out of last week's "non-attended" public hearing on the proposed 1967-68 budget, the Council approved the \$899,746.95 total general fund and water and sewer fund budget without discussion.

Declare Poppy Day

Permission was granted the American Legion Grovers Walker Post 346 to conduct street poppy sales on Poppy Days, May 25-27.

Approve County Plan For Reapportionment

The special five-man County Board of Supervisors appointment committee has adopted its final plan concerning redistricting of the revamped board.

In the new plan, which

Local Girl Is Named Scholar

Miss Janice M. Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Purdy, of 33607 Colony Park Drive, has been named a National Merit Scholar for 1967. She attends North Farmington High School and plans to attend the University of Michigan, where she will major in mathematics. She was a finalist in the Michigan Math Prize Competition for 1967. Interested in skiing, tennis, softball, canoeing, drawing and painting, Janice's other activities include serving as manager of a girl's baseball team, Girl Scouts, candy striping at Bryn Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and YWCA camp counseling.

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In announcing her retirement, Mrs. Brown said, "Seven years is enough for me. With just one person going off the board, and a new superintendent coming in, I think the time is right. I wouldn't want to run for another four-year term and then resign in the middle of it."

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Also to be voted on in the election is the county vocational school which will serve as an area-wide vocational facility for Oakland County students.

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Completes Course

Seaman Recruit John R. Curtis, 18, USN, son of Mrs. Emil Huck Jr., 23838 Beaufort, Farmington, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

It is expected that a Re-

publican citizens' group will be testing the new districting plan in court.

The Right and Wrong Ways



THERE ARE TWO ways area residents can approach the Clean-Up, Fix-Up campaign: the right way and the wrong way. Though the trash receptacle tells us to Keep Farmington Clean and Green, it's easy to see how sidewalks and streets can become lit-

tered when this simple admonition is ignored. Clean-Up, Fix-Up Month lasts for another two weeks, but the idea of a beautiful Farmington is something to keep in mind all year long.

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Library High in Usage, Low in Space

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the library in number four, the second in a two-part series discussing the Farmington District Library. The 15th in the size of its book collection, but only 27th in capita cost.

vote May 22) **By SUE SHAUGHNESSY**

The residents of Farmington are readers!

Proof of this can be seen at just about any time in the Farmington District Library. The spot butts with activity.

A comparison of figures for the library with libraries of 32 surrounding suburban communities strengthens the argument.

Farmington ranks 10 in population of the areas, but in the number of books circulated each year

Township Balks At Cash Outlay

Farmington's City Council voted to spend \$770 as the City's share of the proposed area study Monday night.

This action was expected, and with the city coming around to the study group's request, only Farmington Township has refused to put up its share of the funds.

Disposable Bags Come To City

Following the lead of several other Oakland County communities, the Farmington City Council has voted to authorize the City Manager to purchase 10,000 disposable plastic "garbage bags" to aid city garbage collection.

The bags, first used locally in Ferndale, are thin-colored plastic packages that would be available to city residents and businesses on an optional basis. To be inserted as liners for backyard garbage cans, they would, when full, be tied with provided fasteners and thus packaged, be placed at the curb for city pickup.

City Manager John D. Dianan stated that the bags would be provided at cost, which would amount to approximately 10 dollars yearly for the average household.

The bags would cost approximately five cents each, family would use about four bags weekly. Dianan noted that Ferndale currently chase 10 percent of local residents using the bags.

For the city to receive a full return on the first lot of 10,000 bags that the Council authorized Dianan to purchase 10 percent of local residents would have to subscribe to the disposable bag program.

Dianan added that flyers explaining the bag offer will be sent to all city residents shortly.

Tax Funds Come To Farmington

The office of Oakland County Treasurer James E. Sesterlin has announced the release of sales tax monies for the quarter ending March 31, 1967.

Farmington Twp. received \$61,262 of the sales tax funds, the second largest share delivered to one of the county's townships.

The City of Farmington received \$16,514.40 of the state money.

The Farmington Township Board tabled the request at its last session until after the Oct. 23 incorporation vote. The reasoning of the Township officials was that release of the study in mid-August would "cloud" the incorporation issue.

Both the Wood Creek Farms and the Quakerstown Village Councils have voted to pay its proportionate share of the \$3,500 cost of the study.

Cost of the study, which would be conducted by the Michigan State University Institute for Community Development, would be based on a per capita basis, based on the local governmental units.

Thus the Township's taking action leaves the Future Farmington Area Study Committee without approximately two-thirds of the funds needed.

A meeting of the committee, which is comprised of representatives of the Board of Commerce, the Jaycees and the League of Women Voters, was scheduled for Tuesday night to decide what to do.

Councilman John Allen asserted Monday night that he did not want the Township to feel that pressure is being applied by the city's program on the study.

Many of the people involved in the study believe

that the reluctance of the Township Board to allocate its share of the funds is partly due to suspicion of city motives.

One of the stated feelings of Township Trustees Thomas Nolan is the fact that the Township must vote favorably on the incorporation question "to protect itself" and then it can talk about an area development study.

The proposed study would outline the various avenues of development for the region, obviating the area known as Farmington. The study would include not only possible consolidation of the area, but incorporation pros and cons for the Township along with the feasibility of joint ventures for services.

Members of the study committee have taken no official stand on any of the avenues discussed, but rather have asserted that it would take no stand until the study was completed.

Teachers Go Back to School

Three local residents will be among 27 elementary school teachers enrolled in an intensive "Teaching to read" institute conducted at Oakland University from Aug. 14 to Sept. 1.

Paul M. Schmidt, of Brookdale, Farmington, and a teacher in the Farmington School District; Mrs. Vernon R. McPike, of 3210 Hanover Blvd., Westland, and his third teacher, and Alan Dick, of 31630 Cowan Rd., Westland, Southfield teacher, will be among those who participate in the program under the auspices of the National Defense Education Act (NDEA).

The NDEA program is funding the Oakland Institute.

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