

# Brennan Has Gloomy Report on Suit

"We had our nose bloodied in court this afternoon."

That's how Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan summed up his impressions of the verbal indication of Oakland Circuit Judge William J. Beer on the court case between the city and township over the water and sewer facilities for the Woodcroft area.

Brennan made his report to the Township Board Monday night.

The Township had filed a court suit against the city seeking to force the city to pay the proportionate costs of the Tarabusi sewer arm for the area serviced.

City officials, however, had taken the position that the only payment necessary to the township

was that required under the home rule act of payment for the percentage of the assessed valuation of the area as compared to the total township.

In addition to the funds involved—estimated by the Township at \$800,000—the township contends that the city has no right to extend its system into the area as an agreement has been signed with the Oakland County DPW to provide sewer facilities.

The county is a party to the township suit and Brennan noted Monday night that the county has the most at stake and termed the township merely "an interested party."

Brennan noted that no written opinion had been handed down by the judge and he was drawing his conclusions from an "indication" from the judge fol-

lowing the close of the arguments Monday afternoon.

"The arguments began at 4 p.m. and we were out of the courthouse at 4:40," Brennan said and noted that both the city and township had filed written briefs on their positions.

Brennan told the Board that the city bonding attorney had admitted that the city "had no right to use the systems until an agreement was made with the county."

He observed that "this is all we have ever said and that the issue now is whether or not the city must use the county system." Brennan asserted and added that he didn't know if the judge had decided on that point.

"Until the judgment is handed down, I have no advice," the attorney commented, "but if Judge Beer

finds in the manner in which I think he indicated then we have no course but to appeal the decision."

Terming his comments a "curb stone opinion," Brennan noted that the township was not asking the city to pay it any funds directly, but to pay the county of that share of the system.

He noted that the county had a great deal at stake in the case and that if the judge upheld the position that the only payment required was that due under the home rule act the effect would be catastrophic to County DPW's.

Brennan said that perhaps the proper course would be another law suit with the county actually trying to prevent the city from extending its own system without making some prior agreement with the county for the outstanding costs.

# Schools Approve Budget In The Red



## Hart Is Festival Speaker

Michigan's Senior Senator Philip A. Hart will speak at the conclusion of the Farmington Founders' Festival Parade Saturday, July 29.

The Saturday parade has traditionally been one of the biggest events of the three day festival.

Following the parade the dignitaries are introduced and speeches made. In the past, the Festival has honored a certain group of the community for achievement in various fields.

The first year the Founders of Farmington were honored, while last year the parade of the area who had achieved recognition in their chosen profession were signaled out.

Theme of this year's Festival (July 27, 28 and 29) is "Farmington On Parade."

Hart, a Democrat, was first elected to the Senate in 1958. He is currently serving his second full term. Prior to running for the Washington seat he was Lt. Governor of the State of Michigan from 1954 to 1958.

He is a past director of (Continued on Page 4A)

## Follies All Set To Hit the Boards

The talent and good taste that will mark the Founders' Follies benefit show to be held June 29 and 30 in Mercy High School auditorium can be directly attributed to George Assemany, show director, and Dorothy Sedick, accompanist. Tickets are still available or may be purchased at the door.

The show will have something for everyone from Dixieland jazz to barbershop singing.

Assemany and Miss Sedick planned it that way.

A review type show, the Follies first act will revolve around a cabaret type setting with musical comedy numbers. The second act will feature more formal, but still light, music.

Assemany, who teaches at U. of D. High and conducts

the school's glee club is bringing the group to Farmington for the Follies.

A specialist in choral music, he attended Wayne State University and the Palestrina Institute in Detroit, where he also taught. At the institute he studied church, choral and organ music, with emphasis on liturgical music. He is a pianist and organist.

In choral singing, according to Assemany, one doesn't need to be a Caruso.

"Mostly," he says, "you have to be enthusiastic, have a good ear and a desire to sing."

About his own singing, he says, "I'm a tenor at night and a baritone in the morning."

He is a great admirer of arranger-conductor Robert Shaw and is sorry he will not be able to study with him when Shaw is at Meadow Brook this summer.

With his background in church music, it follows that many would regret the passing of liturgical music from the Catholic church since the Vatican Council. "All of a sudden," he says, "We're coming into a new idiom."

And he doesn't debunk the current folk song idiom.

"They all have a good sound," he says. "Things like the Beatles' number, 'Yesterday,' are excellent. It's a good thing when the Boston Pops orchestra makes a recording of it."

Miss Sedick is looking forward to the grand finale of the Follies.

For this, all singing groups appearing in the show (about 75 voices) will join together in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," accompanied by Miss Sedick on the organ.

She says, "the acoustics are so good in the Mercy auditorium."

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FARMINGTON YOUNGSTERS flocked to eight area elementary schools Monday as registration began for the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer program. Mrs. Marilyn Gault, a teacher at Ten Mile School, conducted registration there on Monday.

Mrs. Gault (behind desk) is serving as a recreation director during the summer. Open to all Farmington children from 8-15, the FARC program runs through Aug. 4.

## Township Eyes Urban Renewal

The Farmington Township is obtaining for the township Board voted Monday night Areas that would be affected would be portions of Section 25 and 26.

Only the first step in a long process before it will be decided whether or not the township can qualify for the federal grant.

The \$500 will be used to conduct an analysis of the eligibility and financing considerations of alternate projects for this area, Velican-Lemman, the township planning consultants, would conduct the survey.

Hall pointed to the recent water and sewer improvements in the area and noted that "the efforts of the residents of this area will help to qualify for the funds."

He said that, if approved, the funds would be used to improve the roads in the area, provide some parking space for the businesses and to remove some substandard housing.

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## Township Action

At Monday night's session the Farmington Township Board handled a number of routine items. The trustees voted to:

**Set Public Hearings**  
Schedule two public hearings on the necessity to establish special assessment districts to provide water facilities to two subdivisions. The hearings, for the Glenbrook Subdivision is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, while residents of Holly Hills Subdivision will have an opportunity to speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

**Adopt Electrical Code**  
Adopt the 1965 National Electrical Code by

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## Outgo \$228,089 More Than Income

Farmington Board of Education adopted a 1967-68 budget Monday night that calls for a deficit of \$228,089.

Estimated expenditures were totaled at \$8,421,767—estimated receipts at \$8,204,278.

The budget as adopted has two serious drawbacks: It does not allow for adjustment in teachers' salaries—it does not allow for the rumored 15 percent cut back in state aid if fiscal reform does not take place.

Before the meeting adjourned, Board President Richard Peters asked that telegrams be sent to legislators urging passage of a reform bill.

Added to expenditures will be \$1,600 for membership in

The contract calls for a minimum salary of \$4,400 and maximum of \$6,000 for secretaries to administrative assistants. The board will pay 50 percent of all full time employees' medical and hospital insurance with a maximum of \$15 per month per employee.

All secretarial personnel will be hired on a 12-month basis with the exception of secretaries of elementary principals who will be hired on a 47-week basis. Salaries of these employees will be prorated.

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## A Breakdown

Instruction	75.3%
Administration	3.5%
Operation	11.2%
Maintenance	3.0%
Fixed charges	7.7%
Other (transp., capital improvements, etc.)	4.1%

The Council of Governments and \$9,000 for a director of community relations.

These were added after major discussion of the budget took place and caused Trustee George W. Otis to veto the budget. Otis' argument was that Council business does not directly bear on Farmington.

Without these two items, the budget was up \$659,200.

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# Summer Hours Pose Loitering Problem for Farmington Police

A lack of something better to do and the advent of more available hours to do nothing in has produced a marked loitering problem in Farmington, Director of Public Safety Robert Deadman says.

The problem, one that has caused considerable consternation for police in the past, centers around Greene's all-night hamburger counter at the Bel-Aire Shopping Center, Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Rds.

The loiterers, says Deadman, consist of packs of youths who gravitate to Greene's after other local establishments have closed. And, he asserts, they don't go for hamburgers.

"Often we'll have to process a crowd of 100 or 150 youths who gather in the parking lot," Deadman says. "The problem is typical of an unsupervised driven with

no one in the parking lot to inform management of what's going on."

But Deadman advises against private policemen, noting that the "rent-a-cop," as they are derisively called, are youths, are sometimes

challenged and are often not sufficiently trained to cope with law enforcement.

In addition, he says, privately hired guards do not have police authority.

The procedure employed by Deadman's force to alleviate the problem is to cite unruly violators for loitering. Under the state statute, loitering consists of "obstructing free passage" or, by dictionary definition, "spending time idly; to linger."

Deadman notes that the penalties imposed by the Farmington Municipal Court—\$15 fine and \$5 court costs—are slight, but he adds that they've never had a repeat offender.

Those that are cited for a violation, Deadman says, are often not Farmington residents. He points to numerous Livonia and Redford violators as those who contribute to the situation.

Currently, Farmington police enforce violations by regular patrolling of the area—most of Greene's traffic occurs between 11 p.m. and 2



THESE EXUBERANT youths performed for the camera when The Enterprise and Observer went out to take a look at Farmington's loitering problem at Greene's Hamburgers in the Bel-Aire Shopping Center at Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. City Police Chief Robert Deadman

experts the problem to expand during the summer months, as the end of school signals more free time for the area's high school youths. Deadman says that the proprietor of Greene's has been completely cooperative, but has not been able to regulate parking lot traffic.

are harassed, or from area residents who object to excessive noise.

In Farmington Township, Detectives Russ Conway and Earl Teeples report that they don't have a similar problem. The only all-night drive-in in the township, Biff's, at Middlebelt and Grand River, opened only last month, and has yet to present a problem.

Still, if things go as one wit suggested at a Farmington City Council meeting three weeks ago when the Greene's problem was discussed, Conway and Teeples may have their hands full.

The tongue-in-cheek remark, offered when city councilmen were mulling over means to circumvent the loitering disturbances, and could find no solution: "Maybe we can get the township to annex the shopping center."



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