

They Called It Only 'Precipitation'

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
Suburbanites with two cars would happily have traded the second one for a horse last week-end.

Old Dobbin needed 'no paths shoveled for him — and no snow tires.
Snow blanketed hill and dale, industries, home and schools — just under a foot of it.

Officially there was 11 inches — but try to tell that, to the guy

who shoveled through five-foot drifts to reach his car.

Once out of his driveway, he found his subdivision streets had turned into trackless wastes.

The reason for the high drifts was the wind Monday morning which peaked at 40 miles an hour.

WHAT WAS WOE to their parents was joy and glee to the kids.

For the so-called "precipitation" was wondrous "packing snow" — wet, heavy and just right for building snowmen, forts and all manner of delightful works of snow art.

Also it was well suited for making a soggy mess of outdoor clothes and mittens.

The storm gave Farmington school buses lots of trouble, although all schools but William

Grace remained open.
Grace's problem was not with the storm but with a broken water main along Shiawassee which caused water to be shut off in the school.

Early morning radio announcements designated Shiawassee as the school to be closed. After everything got straightened around, Grace pupils learned they were to stay home and about 75 per cent of the Shiawassee

youngsters went to classes.

A number of school buses were piled up in snowdrifts and children were advised by radio to board their buses at the nearest main street or mile road.

In some cases the bus didn't make it and students not too unhappily spent the day at home.

IT ADDED UP TO 24.9 per cent absenteeism in elementary

schools, 18.1 in the junior highs and 18.6 at the senior highs.
Of the district's 700 teachers, only 33 per cent were absent Monday.

There wasn't so much absence at Farmington businesses as there was tardiness on Monday.

Futuremilk, Inc., reports that about 95 workers were up to one-half hour late and 50 per cent of Omni Spectra's 205 employees were also 30 minutes late.



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Wingerter Is Board Head

Harry Wingerter Jr., owner of the Bon Ton Shoppe, was elected president of the Farmington Board of Commerce at the first meeting of the businessmen's group board of directors Thursday morning.



HARRY WINGERTER, JR.

Holland To Head Festival

Ron Holland was named chairman of the 1968 Farmington Founders Festival at the annual business meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce Tuesday.

Holland, track and football coach at North Farmington, was a co-chairman of the 1967 Festival.

Named co-chairman of the 1968 event was Richard Tupper. An active Jaycee and a member of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee, Tupper will serve as chairman of the 1969 Festival.

Bill Conroy was named general chairman of the 1968 Founders Festival. The Festival is an annual fund raising event to help defray the cost of the Festival.

Sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce, the 1968 Festival is scheduled for July 25, 26 and 27. This year's will be the fourth annual festival. The Festival will hit the boards June 21 and 22 in the Mercy High School Auditorium.

State Lets Contract For Township Job

An \$8,000 contract for water main alterations on 10 Mile Rd. in Farmington Township has been awarded by the Michigan State Highway Commission.

Winner of the contract was Sivilier Construction Co. of Oak Park with a total bid of \$8,105. Only one other contractor, George A. Otten, Inc. of De-

trickon Board of Commerce at the first meeting of the businessmen's group board of directors Thursday morning. Other officers elected to one year terms were Dr. John Richardson, vice president, and Dick Clarke, secretary-treasurer.

Richardson served as vice president last year, while Clarke was the treasurer. The combination of the secretary-treasurer post is new this year.

AT THE ANNUAL business meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce Tuesday evening 10 new members were elected to the board of directors.

Elected to two-year terms were: William Bowman, executive vice president of Thompson Brown Co., Dr. Richardson, owner of the Plaza Veterinary Hospital; Wingerter; and Tom Zoedee, and architect with Tom Zoedee, Architect & Associates.

Named to one-year terms were: Ed Balden, manager of the Farmington Center Corp.; Dick Clarke, manager of the Farmington office of the National Bank of Detroit; Bond Gross, owner of Grimes Cleaners; Bob Kilpatrick, public relations manager of Michigan Bell; Philip Power, publisher of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer; and Walter Sundquist, owner of Healey-Sundquist Funeral Home.

OTHER MEMBERS of the board of directors are: Omar Sanderson, owner of Sanderson Real Estate, and Fred Scott, president of Steelcrete and past president of the Board of Commerce.

An additional member will be named to replace Dave Smith, manager of Demery's Farmington Store, who has resigned. There is one year left of Smith's term.

The alterations will be made on the south side of 10 Mile Rd., east of the proposed 1-97 and 1-275 routes in Farmington Township. This is located in the western end of the township.

Completion date is Aug. 1.



NOT A HALLUCINATION -- If you wandered home from a celebration and past 23186 Violet this critter would give you cause to wonder.

Actually the lady started out to be pink, but when more snow was dumped on the ground she ended up being white.

Next Week:

Afternoon Classes Suspended

Afternoon classes will be dismissed in Farmington schools Jan. 24 and 25 so that teachers may attend workshops to acquaint them with new textbooks in science and music.

Sessions will be held from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. in Fairview school and on science at the same time in Ten Mile School.

Richard Close, Ten Mile principal, has coordinated the science workshop. David Coffin, principal of Bond Elementary, is responsible for the music sessions.

CHIEF SPEAKER for the two-day science seminar will be

Dr. William Forbes, assistant professor of biological science at Oakland University. His topic, "How Does a Scientist Work?" will explore ways to introduce pupils to scientific thinking.

With the proposed new Laidlaw series science text, Dr. Forbes will present a series of exploratory programs for teachers from kindergarten through 8th grade for seven additional days in January, February and March.

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Allen Named Liaison Man

There's an old saying that one should always be present when the work is being delegated to protect oneself.

At last Monday's Council session the adage came home to roost on Councilman John Allen's shoulders.

Allen, the only councilman absent from the session, picked up the job of acting as liaison man with the council and its representative to Wolverine Boys State.

Actually, the job isn't difficult. All that it requires is for Allen to set up a time for the student to report to the council on the week long program.

Allen doesn't shirk his share of the Council jobs either.

IN DISCUSSION about who to name as his liaison, Councilman Hugo Peterson observed that he was the liaison in previous years.

"Let's name John Allen," someone suggested which the members promptly did.

Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton remarked: "That will teach him to miss a meeting."

Wolverine Boys State will be held June 12-19 at Michigan State University. The council annually sponsors one representative to the student civics workshop.

Cost of the sponsorship is \$55. Farmington Township, as well as many of the service clubs in town, also sponsors one boy each year.

BY OTHER ACTION the Council:

Approved the splitting of two acreage tracts on Power Rd. at Nine Mile into three lots of 60 and 65 feet frontage. This conforms with the site of the other lots on that section of Power Rd.

Supported a resolution proposed by the City of Oak Park calling for draft deferments for members of police and fire forces.

Proclaimed Jan. 22 to Feb. 2 as Junior Achievement Week in the city.

Sex Ed For Adults Is Offered

Co-sponsored by Farmington School District and the Merrill-Palmer Institute, a class on "The Adult Role in the Sex Education of Children" will begin Jan. 25 in Farmington schools.

The class will offer two graduate hours of credit for a scheduled ten-week session and is open to professional persons throughout the tri-county area. Purpose of the series is to train educators of either adult groups or public and parochial schools in effective sex education methods.

Dr. Armin Grams, consultant to the Farmington School Board and member of the Merrill-Palmer staff, will be the professor for the course.

Expanded Coverage Lists Goodies For All

There's plenty of good reading for the pleasure of all in this week's editions of the Observer Newspapers as we continue our expanded coverage during the strike of Metropolitan Detroit Dailies.

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, tells what he thinks the Council of Governments will accomplish on his 25th anniversary as a Board member. He also relates how Oakland County has progressed despite the antiquated structure of government. Page 1B.

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'Old City' Proposal Advanced

The Farmington Historical Society unveiled plans this week for designating an area of the city as "Old City" and called for the maintenance of its "essential character."

Boundaries of the area are: the Oakwood Cemetery on the west; Shiawassee on the north; Warner on the east; and Grand River and Oakland on the south.

Some months ago the city planning commission established a subcommittee to work with the historical society in preparing an inventory of the buildings of historical importance in the city.

The old city proposal is an outgrowth of that work.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan told The Enterprise & Observer

that the city had no knowledge of the proposal. He indicated, however, that under the present some of the area slated for expansion of the downtown city's master plan would be entangled upon.

"This will have to be studied," Dinan noted. "I thought that the group was developing an inventory of the buildings in the city which might qualify as historical landmarks. However, some of the buildings within the area proposed have no historical value and are of substandard construction," Dinan asserted.

"There are certain sites the city would definitely like to maintain," he continued. Dinan cited the Warner Mansion on

Grand River, the Masonic Temple and some of the houses on Shiawassee as among these buildings.

IN ANNOUNCING his proposal the historical society's statement observed that "The society obviously realizes that buildings in the Old City will change, but the society believes that another Federalist should not be located next to the Warner Mansion, for example, in spite of the potential taxes such a facility might provide.

"The aim of the society is to encourage all present owners of property in the Old City to help maintain their property regardless of whether it was built in 1850, 1890, 1920, or 1940.

"This diverse variety of architectural styles, the society believes, adds interest and character to a town. If future generations are to have an appreciation of the grand sweep of history, then preservation of these architectural examples becomes extremely important."

In making the proposal, the society noted that "there are several buildings and/or sites outside the perimeter of the Old City which are also of merit and should be preserved."

Members of the planners subcommittee are Russ Milligan and Mrs. Charlotte Brock. A meeting between the planners and the historic sites committee of the society is scheduled "sooner."

