

today's hot line

State

A major break has come in the nearly three-months-long Detroit newspaper strike. The News and the Free Press have reached a tentative three-year agreement that must still be ratified by Teamster union members. If ratified, that agreement may set a pattern for a number of other unions that bargain with the newspapers. There is no word, however, when publication will resume.

National

President Johnson has asked Congress for \$11.6 billion in educational funds and a major revamping of those federal programs. He asked for an increase in the Head Start program for pre-schoolers and a \$30 million "Stay in School" program aimed at potential dropouts.

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REDFORD — State Rep. Leonard S. Walton's driver's license was suspended for 90 days after a second hearing on his refusal to take the breathalyzer test prescribed by the state's new implied consent law. Walton (D-Detroit) will stand Justice Court trial after the current legislative session. He was charged with drunk driving Nov. 14 by Redford Township police.

LIVONIA — City candidates are trying to breathe some life into a quiet campaign for city offices. The major race is for Mayor Harvey W. Moelke's \$8,400-a-year position. Challengers are Council President Peter A. Ventura, Councilman Jack Salvatore and George L. Kindred.

PLYMOUTH — The City Commission has agreed to assume full responsibility for the collection of garbage and trash in an agreement now being worked out with the collection contractor. Under this plan, the contractor will be an agent for the city and the city will do all of the billing.

What's Inside

For sports fans, there's coverage of prep basketball, swimming and wrestling contests. Pages 2-4B.

For the ladies, there's "Woman on the Go" along with the news of clubs, weddings and engagements on Pages 1-5C, plus a special collection of Valentine engagements on Page 1-F.

For the "New Generation," there's a special group of articles on what's happening at several Michigan colleges. Page 1-F.

A Schoolcraft College trustee takes his fellow board members to task for their handling of the firing of six instructors. Page 3A.

Political buffs can find out about the fundraising activities of their favorite parties on our Public Affairs Page, 7C.

Topping world news, Secretaries Rusk and McNamara are seen paving the way for a possible apology to North Korea over the U.S.S. Pueblo incident. Page 16D.

On the national scene, a U.S. senator proposes a dial-a-vote system to do away with lengthy roll calls in the Senate. Page 2A.

That income tax going to cost you plenty? Read the income tax tips on Page 2E.

Will suburbia's leaders treat the crime issue rationally — or hysterically? Editorials on Page 6C.

Our readers sound off on their favorite topics and problems. Page 5E.

Crossword puzzle fan? Try the one on Page 4E.

A one-page guide to an entire week of television is on Page 7E.

News of the theater and a guide to the best nearby dining spots are on Pages 10-11B.

What suburban churches are doing, where they're located and the hours of their services are all on Page 12B.

IF YOU'VE LOOKED AND LOOKED

for the old-time banjo you've always wanted, you may have missed the very person with one to sell. Check classification 5-9 in today's want ad section... and if you want to sell a musical instrument dial GA 2-0900 or 453-8500. it's so easy, the Observer Want Ad Way!

Boost Municipal Water Rates

Youth Crime Climbs

An increase of 15 per cent in juvenile arrests since 1965 in Farmington was cited by Police Chief Robert F. Deadman this week as he presented his annual Department of Public Safety review to the City Council.

"The department has attempted to cope with the ever-increasing problem of the juvenile offender on a part-time basis," said Deadman.

"This has been necessary because of a lack of personnel to assign to this very specialized work. With crimes being committed by youthful offenders increasing year after year, it has become imperative that local police work more on a full-time basis," said Deadman.

The chief said the situation deserves "top priority" and disclosed that in his 1968-69 budget he will ask council for funds to retain a full-time juvenile officer, as well as one more regular officer. Approval would boost the force from 16 men to 18.

Deadman's report showed that city police arrested 258 juveniles in 1967, and in addition released 252 others after a warning.

Some of the categories and the number of juveniles arrested for each included: Males: 121; females: 137; liquor law violations, 28; assault, 22; malicious destruction, 16; auto thefts, 9; larceny from a building, 7; burglary, 6; stolen property, 5; arson, 5; prowlers and window peepers, 4; sex offenses, 4.

In the area of major adult crimes, Deadman's report showed that Farmington's total increased from 393 to 413 between 1966 and 1967. Included are auto thefts, larcenies, burglaries, aggravated assaults, robberies, rapes and criminal homicides.

Total complaints of all kinds handled by the public safety division went up from 3,681 to 4,009.

The Farmington increase in major crimes is far below the national average, leading Deadman to declare, "Having officers on the street is what deters major crime."

He expressed pride in his department's record, but asserted that more manpower is needed to maintain the record.

He pointed to the fact that last year the department lost 620 manpower days in individual time off for illness, injury, vacation and other causes as evidence that the police force is rarely at full strength.

Public safety personnel also fought 82 fires during the year, compared to 65 in 1966. However, estimated fire losses totaled only \$39,745 against \$31,815 for the previous year.



DEDICATION -- Ceremonies to dedicate the new 108-seat chapel in the Sarah Fisher Home were held Monday evening. In part, the dedication read, "This chapel is the heart of the home and will embrace all the children who enter its door..." Shown participating with several of the children is Bishop Joseph M. Breitenbeck.

12% Increase Retroactive To January

On top of last week's city-wide increase in property assessments throughout the City of Farmington, City Council Monday night boosted water rates within the municipality 12 per cent and kicked fees for building permits even higher.

The building permit matter is discussed in an adjacent story.

City Manager John D. Dinan advised the council that the rate increase inflicted upon all its suburban customers last Nov. 1 by the Detroit Water Board would cost Farmington approximately \$20,000 per year.

"Negotiations with Detroit to bring about a reduction have been in vain, even though Farmington has its own pumping station and storage facilities," said Dinan.

"DETROIT FEELS that Farmington should pay as if we had no storage or pumping facilities."

Building Permits Up, Too

City Council voted unanimously Monday night to increase Farmington's municipal fees for the issuance of building permits to what City Manager John D. Dinan said was "the same level as surrounding communities."

"It is quite obvious that Farmington has the lowest inspection fees in this vicinity," the city manager said.

"According to our 1966-67 year, building permits were paid only 64 per cent of the cost of operating the building department."

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Dinan informed the council as he told of efforts to have Detroit rescind a surcharge of 29 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Dinan outlined three alternatives and stated:

"It is obvious that the City of Farmington is going to be required to pay additionally \$20,000 per year no matter which of three directions we take:

"1. Whether we pay the City of Detroit a 29-cent surcharge per 1,000 cubic feet and make no improvements in the system.

"2. Install improvements and operate the pumping station and reservoirs manually during peak periods.

"3. Pay Detroit 50 per cent of the surcharge and install a 12-inch water main on Gill Rd. to improve the system and fill our reservoir.

"The average user spends \$60 per year for water. The average increase of 12 per cent will amount to \$7.20 per year."

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"With the first quarter billing to be started within the next three weeks, it is mandatory that we establish the new water rate effective the quarter beginning Jan. 1, 1968 so that we have proper revenues to offset the additional costs to the City of Detroit," Dinan told the councilmen.

County Schedules Two Road Projects In Area

An announcement from the Oakland County Road Commission referring to its 1968 construction program as "substantially larger than last year's" confirms that two of the 17 projects will be within the Farmington area.

The total budget for the 17 is \$5,134,500 and of this amount \$425,000, or approximately 8.3 per cent, will be spent in Farmington.

However, no new surfacing of present unpaved roads is included in this area, a fact which has dashed hopes for paving extensions on such increasingly traveled thoroughfares as 14 Mile, Drake and Halstead Rds.

Only projects listed for Farmington are the widening of Farmington Rd. to four lanes within the city, from Eight Mile Rd. to Nine Mile Rd., at a cost of \$400,000 and reconstruction of the intersection at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. at a cost of \$25,000.

The road commission will provide all of the latter amount, but the city will pay approximately \$100,000 of the Farmington Rd. widening job. The county will provide \$120,000, and the balance will come from federal aid.

"The total program is substantially larger than last year's," said Board Chairman Fraser W. Staman, "and will be financed in part by a bond of at least \$2 million."

"We had hoped to receive approximately that amount of financial help from the Board of Supervisors, but if they do not make an appropriation we will issue the bonds."

"This is admittedly a type of financing that cannot be done year after year because our bonding capacity is limited."

Accidents Blamed On Outsiders

Although the number of traffic accidents occurring in the city of Farmington is on the rise, the percentage of local drivers involved keeps going down.

It is the driver "passing through" who is causing the trouble.

Public Safety Director Robert Deadman told City Council Monday night that 444 traffic accidents were listed by police for 1967, compared with 425 in 1966.

However, injury accidents dropped from 85 to 76. Of the drivers involved in those 444 collisions, only 23 per cent live in the city. That figure had stood at 24 per cent in 1966 and 29 per cent in 1965.

Other highlights of Deadman's traffic summation included these points: Drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 were involved in 36 per cent of the accidents.

The hours of most frequent occurrence are from noon to 7 p.m.

Failure to yield the right of way caused more accidents than any other factor, more than two and a half times as many as speeding.

Of the 444 accidents, police charged a violation of the law in 136 instances.

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Picketing Problem Eases At Futurmill

Intervention of Circuit Court Judge Philip Pratt with a calm but firm voice in injunction proceedings of Futurmill, Inc., against striking Local 540 of the U.A.W. has resulted in restoration of peaceful picketing at the firm's Farmington Township manufacturing plant.

Police surveillance, which had been on a 24-hour basis, has been reduced to a patrol by one car, twice a day, according to Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

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The only "on the record" comment from the court was the fact that the hearing on the company's petition for an injunction against the strikers had been adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7.

It was what was "on the record" that led to the aura of calm and the hope that a settlement of the strike now can be reached without further violence.

More than 100 hourly workers at Futurmill struck the plant Jan. 18 after rejecting a new three-year contract proposal from the company. Their old contract had expired the day previously.

Early weeks of the strike brought numerous incidents of picket line friction with salaried employees who still are reporting to their daily jobs, but no cases needing police intervention have been reported within the last seven days.



IT HAPPENS EVERY SPRING — Well, maybe it really isn't spring yet, but these North Farmington High School girls at last found this week's sunshine more enjoyable than last week's rain and fog. Sampling ice cream cones as they sit in a convertible after school are Sue Davidge and Ellen Burnie, both NFHS juniors.