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Bulletin

Madonna College Tuesday received word of approval of a million dollar federal grant for construction of a fine arts and physical education building. The announcement was made by Congressman Jack McDonald who indicated the grant had been okayed by the Education Commission.

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PLYMOUTH — The P & A Theater, badly damaged by fire when the Penniman Building burned last January, has been declared unsound and may be razed. It was planned to transform the theater into a downtown cultural center.

LIVONIA — Charles Murphy, 16-year-old Franklin High School junior, went to court Monday morning to keep the "neatly trimmed" mustache he has worn contrary to student grooming rules at his school. Murphy lost in his battle with the Livonia Board of Education. Circuit Court Judge Edward S. Piggins said schools have statutory authority to set dress and grooming rules for students and he found Livonia's "reasonable," not arbitrarily set. Murphy says he will shave — not begrudgingly.

REDFORD — Redford Union School District-Teacher negotiations were formally opened Monday. At the same time, the board of education signaled its denial of an RU Education Association request to participate on future committees to screen administrative job applicants.

WESTLAND — The Nankin Mills School Board has declared a state of emergency in the district, which doesn't have a high school, and is asking the state Dept. of Education to dissolve the district and divide it between the Livonia and Wayne Community districts. The Nankin Mills board pointed to its low tax base and operating deficit as the main reasons for its action. The board is seeking to split the district along Hines Parkway with the north half going into the Livonia school district and the south half into the Wayne district.

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Unified Police-Fire Services: Oppertthausen Asks Evaluation

A combined city-township police and fire department for Greater Farmington was suggested by Township Trustee Earl Oppertthausen this week as the prime discussion topic for the upcoming meeting between the legislative bodies of the two governmental units.

Township trustees and city councilmen will meet March 20 in City Hall in a closed session for the first time in history. The purpose is to discuss common problems.

The meeting follows on the heels of three annexation efforts initiated by the city within

recent years to grab off township land, to say nothing of two incorporation elections within the township aimed at staying exactly such efforts.

"I think the city and township would benefit greatly by joint operation of their police and fire departments," said Oppertthausen.

In fact, I think we could police the city of Farmington with eight additional men added to our own township force. "On a combined basis, we might accomplish more at less cost for the total area."

This was the only topic suggested specifically by any trustee for inclusion on the March 20 agenda. Other matters for discussion are up to City Manager John Dineen and Supervisor Curtis Hall.

In other matters on Monday's bi-monthly agenda, the trustees:

Concurred with the Oakland County Road Commission in awarding a contract for resurfacing Drake Rd. from Grand River to 11 Mile Rd. to the Stolaruk Asphalt Paving Co. for slightly in excess of \$26,000. Deferred action on a request by parents within the Clarenceville school district for improvement of road conditions on Robinson, Salvador and Omsus Aves. leading to Westbrook School.

Approved the township's participation in the South Oakland County mutual police assistance agreement.

Approved transfer of the Roman House liquor license. Scheduled the public hearing on the Ivan Frankel development of private homes and apartment buildings at Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt Rd. for 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 19. Duncel Junior High School.

Baker Says 'I'll Run'

State Rep. Raymond L. Baker of Farmington announced his candidacy for a fifth term in the legislature Saturday night as the climax of a banquet in his honor attended by 200 friends in the Northwood Inn.

Lt. Gov. William G. Milliken and 19th district Congressman Jack H. McDonald headed the applauding Republicans who saluted Baker.

The gathering also included State Sen. George W. Kuhn of the 14th district, and numerous other members of the county and local G.O.P. hierarchy.

"Milliken called Baker 'an outstanding public servant who is dedicated to the cause of good government, and is a full-time legislator.'"

McDonald, who conceded he was "saddened" not to have been in New Hampshire during the weekend campaigning for Governor Romney, also had high praise for the Farmington lawmaker.

"We need people like Ray Baker who will leave their business affairs to help run the government," said the congressman, "and I will support him as long as he desires to stay in office."

Baker's own remarks were confined to a brief declaration that in answer to rumors of his withdrawal from politics he wanted his friends to know he definitely will be a candidate for reelection.

"I can't give up at this point," he declared.

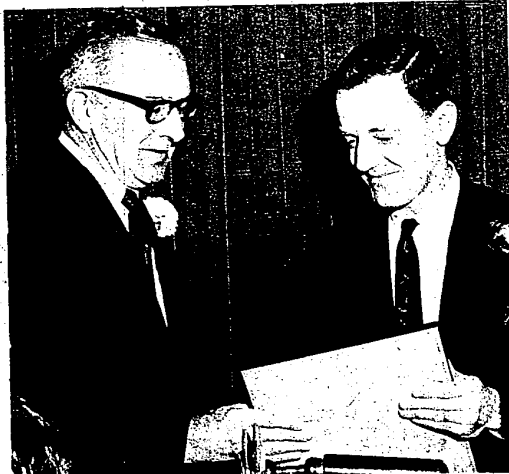
MAYOR WILBUR V. Brotherton and Councilman John A. Allen represented the city of Farmington at the event, with the mayor presenting Baker a plaque which praised him for his "unselfish devotion to his community and state."

Farmington township was represented at the banquet by Clerk Floyd A. Cairns, making his first public appearance after a long illness, and Trustees Peter Kiopp and Thomas Nolan.

In his absence, Chief of Detectives Russell Conway answered a battery of questions from concerned residents of Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor Subdivisions.

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Conway replied, "As far as we're (the township police) concerned, these are rumors. We have no evidence to that effect. "And we don't have to wait till trouble gets to Farmington before we find out about it," he added.



IN APPRECIATION — The City of Farmington was represented Saturday night when residents of the 64th District gathered to honor four-term State Representative Raymond L. Baker. City Manager John Dineen and V. Brotherton presented Baker a plaque for his "unselfish devotion" from the city.

Deadman Outlines City Police Riot Precautions

By FRED DELAND

Although southern Oakland County police departments first established an emergency mutual aid plan more than a decade ago, the vital communication link between them never came in for as much attention as it has within the last eight months.

Farmington Police Chief Robert Deadman, who hosted the most recent of the regular monthly meetings of the 16 chiefs involved, reports that since the Detroit civil strife of last summer an instant interdepartmental system of radio contact has been developed.

In addition this emergency mutual aid plan, better channeling of basic information has been worked out with the state police,

according to Deadman.

INASMUCH as more than half a dozen different radio frequencies are used by the various police departments serving this end of the county, this refinement in contact methods is designed to save time by eliminating duplication of messages.

Deadman said it now is possible for one command post to contact all 16 participating police agencies simultaneously.

Police departments included in the alliance, besides Farmington, are those of Berkeley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy, Beverly Hills, and, of course, Farmington Township.

The mutual aid pact between these 16 departments dates back to the mid '50s and currently is being used as a model for similar organizational structures throughout the state.

Basic premise of the agreement is that each force stands ready to come to the aid of another "in the event of riot, rebellion, civil disorder, man-made or natural disaster, criminal assault or other serious crime, windstorm, flood, power failure, or other emergency."

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Parents Win Bus For Gill Rd. School

Residents of the Farmington Village cooperatives won their point Monday night and gained bus transportation for their children attending the Gill Rd. School.

A total of 67 students are involved. The Board decision, came after a 4-3 vote on the matter with Trustees Herbert Neal, Sanford Bloomberg, Richard Peters and George Otis voting for providing the transportation.

Trustees Leland Clifford, George Nabbstoll and John Washburn III were opposed to the action because of the many other unsafe areas of the township.

PARENTS of the schoolchildren, all of whom live in the Farmington Village, had objected to the school district's requirement that children living within a mile and a half of the district had to walk.

The parents had requested the lifting of the school transportation policy because of the lack of shoulders along Gill Rd. and the safety hazard for children walking.

Rub of the matter comes from the fact that the school district receives funds from the state to provide bus transportation for those students who live more than a mile and a half from school.

In fact, a penalty of \$8 per child is charged up against the school district for riders living inside the limit when the state takes its count on the fourth Friday of the school year.

ACTION BY the Board, how-

ever, will not affect the District's revenue for the current year as the state count has been completed. The bus transportation will cost \$920 for the remainder of the year. The district at large will pick up this tab.

The formal resolution provides for the busing of children living north and south of the Gill Rd. School I for the current year. However, the Board stipulated that the policy would be reviewed before the beginning of the next school year and when and if any improvements are made to Gill Rd.

Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of schools, told the Board that the administration

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Village Returns Incumbents

The five incumbent candidates were re-elected to village offices in the Wood Creek Farms election Monday.

Fifty-five voters went to the polls out of a total of 189 registered voters in the village. Re-elected were Councilmen Alvin Albertson and Phil Wright, with 51 and 52 votes respectively.

Assessor Robert Swift was returned to office with a 55 tally as were Village Clerk Ellen Abbott and Treasurer Francis Rigor with votes of 53 and 55 each.



GIRL SCOUT MEETING — Farmington Girl Scout leaders met this week in Nardin Park Methodist Church to reorganize the area Scout set-up for 1,600 Farmington Girl Scouts and to elect 18 delegates from the area to the South Oakland Girl Scout Council. Among Scouters at the meeting were Madge Kirby (left) chairman of the nominating committee, and Leona Stidwell.

300 Residents Hear Plans At Kenbrook

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

More than 300 Farmington Township residents sought information on what would be done in the township in the event of a nuclear civil disturbance at a meeting Monday night in Kenbrook School, sponsored by the school PTA.

Township Chief of Police Irving Yakes was to have presented the information, but was unable to be present because of an illness in his family.

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Conway replied, "As far as we're (the township police) concerned, these are rumors. We have no evidence to that effect. "And we don't have to wait till trouble gets to Farmington before we find out about it," he added.

Conway emphasized the confidence he has in the Michigan State Police and in the 16-county police pact which the township has signed for mutual aid in the case of trouble in a given community.

"The main problem," he said, "in case of trouble would be manpower. Now we can flick one switch in the township po-

lice department and get all the manpower we need."

HE ALSO EMPHASIZED the number of men the township police department commands — 28 regular officers, 30 auxiliary officers, 20 mounted officers and numbers of off-duty band radio owners who can be

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Pig Rustlers Flee No Porking Zone

Farmington Township detectives had a pig rustling case on their hands this week as the result of a complaint filed by William C. Spess, of 34752 Pendi Rd.

Spess claimed that a boar had been shot and stolen from a barn on his property, and officers said evidence tended to bear out this assertion.

However, police were left simply handed in their efforts to track down the guilty party. Spess also protested to police that two horses stabled in his barn had been hit by pellets fired from a gun, but officers could not confirm this. Their investigation of both matters still is continuing.