

### Gas Stations Are Robbed

FARMINGTON The two bandits held the attendants at gunpoint during the early-morning robbery. A gas station, 2975 Grand River, recently and got away with \$2,000 from the cash drawer, according to Farmington Township police.

### New Movie At Library

FARMINGTON The "Runaway Railway," an adventure mystery produced by the British Broadcasting Co., will be shown Feb. 10 at Farmington Public Library, 3237 W. 12 Mile, as part of its "second Saturday" children's program.

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## McCosh's Column

# The Plots Thicken

FARMINGTON "How are you going to sell cityhood?" someone in the audience asked Robert McConnell at one of the recent hearings on the proposed Farmington Hills charter.

Since selling cityhood has been the consuming passion of the new supervisor and chairman of the charter commission, the question got right to the heart of the matter.

IN FACT, the sparsely-attended hearings on the work of the commission have pointed out some of the problems in the "selling of the charter."

**TAKE THE CRITICS.** It is becoming clear criticism of the proposed charter is coming from two camps.

Wood Creek councilman David Goldman is representative of the anti-city people using criticism of the charter like a harpoon, trying to do in the Moby Dick they see threatening their own boat.

Former village attorney and a staunch believer in villagehood, he says, "I prefer to suffer with the ills we have."

Shooting from the hip at the last public hearing, he managed to hit only one soft target—the restrictive zoning the village presently enjoys might not be so restrictive.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, on the other hand, likes, wants, and promotes the idea of cityhood.

But he, too, has played the role of a critic—slashing at the idea of at-large elections, provisions for signature requirements on petitions, etc.

The tightrope McConnell is walking now consists of satisfying the "type B" critic, and placating the "type A" critic to the point where organized opposition to the whole idea of cityhood won't materialize.

After all, only 1,200 votes passed incorporation

the first time—a comfortable margin but not a landslide.

The criticisms of the charter are now being sorted out by the charter commission, and the final document will not be the same as the one at the hearings.

The signature requirements, for referendum, sections on public records and meetings are likely to be changed—the at-large elections probably will not.

INTERNAL divisions within the commission are also beginning to show at this late date.

Mrs. Joan Dudley, who took some 7-1 defeats rather than change her mind on some of the issues she campaigned on, (she was opposed to expense accounts for councilmen, for instance), may end up at this late date falling into the role of a critic.

She distributed a "poll" on her own, which she says supports some of her positions.

The ghost of Earl Teeples also has the commission baffled.

Teeples virtually abandoned the commission after he fought and lost for a strong mayor. His lack of attendance without a resignation has baffled the commission, which cannot appoint another member without the formal resignation.

His new job as head of security for Taubman, Inc., apparently has him traveling a good deal of the time, according to one source.

But there is no doubt it will grind a lot of people to put his name alongside the commissioners who worked on the document.

ON THE BRIGHT side there is no organized opposition to cityhood at this point, and feedback has generally been favorable.

And there is Bob McConnell, hoofing it from meeting to hearing, hitting breakfasts and dinners, doing the job of selling cityhood.

Maybe that's the answer to the question.

### DeMolays Play Fund-Raiser

FARMINGTON Donkey basketball, featuring the Farmington DeMolays vs. the Masons, is scheduled as a fund-raiser Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. at Powder Junior High. Tickets are 75 cents for children and \$1.50 for adults.

### Vagnozzi In Recital

Paul Vagnozzi, of Farmington, now attending Bowdoin College, Maine, will participate in an electronic music recital Feb. 4 at the college.

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## local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

V.O. Bates gave an illustrated talk at the monthly meeting of the Farmington Historical Society in the community center on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

His illustrated talk gave his impressions of the conditions of the Indians in Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon. He also showed many slides which were unusually sharp and clear.

### Albion Names Deans List

FARMINGTON Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Cosby, 2655 Gill, a senior; Suzanne W. Elue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey G. Elue, 2375 Newell Circle W., a sophomore;

Melody A. Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mercer, 2610 Lynncastle Lane, a junior; Deborah A. Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Murray, 31891 Kingswood Square, a junior;

Billy J. Page, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Page, live at 26820 Drake Road, a senior; and Susan G. Polgar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polgar, 32436 Shady Ridge, a junior.

To qualify, a student must achieve a 3.3 or better scholastic average based on a 4 point system while carrying a full class schedule.

Farmington students listed are:

Lynne A. Bowerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bowerman, 26931 Springbrook, a junior;

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