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Farmington Youth Heading DeMolay

By CORINNE ABATT

Next Saturday, Oct. 6, has been declared Charles Larry Harwell Day by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Not bad for a 23-year-old whose friends will undoubtedly shorten it to Charlie Harwell Day.

That same evening, Harwell will be the guest of honor at a reception-dinner dance at Harrison High School. The honors have come as a result of Harwell's election to the highest post in Michigan DeMolay. His official title is the State Master

Councilor of Michigan State Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Since the election in August, the responsibilities of the office have taken practically all of Harwell's time. So much so, in fact, that he is out of the University of Michigan this semester, but plans to return in January to complete his junior year.

In the months between now and January, the new state officer will be covering a lot of ground. There are 80 DeMolay chapters in the state with a total membership of about 5,000.

Harwell will visit many of the chapters, both for public relations value and to aid in strengthening the chapters and to promote the program which he truly believes is a valuable one.

Although DeMolay is sponsored by the Masonic fraternity, Harwell makes it clear, "We're not a junior Masonic group by any means. Being a member of DeMolay does not insure anybody of being a Mason. They merely sponsor us and give us their support. We're hoping to better a young man and give him experience he might not get

otherwise. We have a saying, 'building better citizens' and that's basically what we're trying to do."

DeMolay is an organization of young men between the ages of 13 and 21. The one firm requisite is that a member has to believe in God. Membership comes through petitioning the chapter and the petition has to be signed by one of the members. There is no restriction on religious faith or sons or relatives of Masons.

"We're not a religious organization, more a fraternal organization based on belief

in God. We don't try to take the place of the church, the home or the school," Harwell explains.

The four major areas of activities are social, civic service projects, athletics and fund raising. Each chapter has a variety of fund raising projects to raise the money needed for operation.

The Farmington DeMolay, for instance, which Harwell calls, "one of the better chapters in the state," participates actively in the Farmington Founders Festival, holds car washes, sales of various sorts and social

functions, to raise the needed funds.

Before his year of office is over, Harwell expects to put some 50,000 miles on his car. Already he has participated in a number of chapter installations and met with both DeMolay and Masonic groups. When he is not doing this, chances are that he can be found at the main headquarters of Michigan DeMolay in Detroit's Masonic Temple.

With more than two months on the job, Harwell



"It's one of the most challenging things I have ever done."

—Charles Harwell

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A New Medium?

Impact Of Cable TV Is Subject Of Study

Cable television is still in the future for Farmington, but the city is not going to be unprepared.

The Farmington City Council, approached several months ago by at least one firm asking for a CATV franchise, appointed City Manager Robert Deadman to a special study committee.

The city, Farmington Hills and the Farmington Board of Education are expected to be represented on the committee.

Deadman asked for the special study for several reasons:

• He predicted a franchise, once granted, would likely be "similar to gas or electric franchises," continuing for "many years."

The potential of cable television is still unknown, but he mentioned the impact of television on the learning processes of the country.

Cable television is a system of distributing television signals via cables rather than through the air.

Originally developed in areas with weak signals from network stations, a CATV system normally offers a community antenna which receives and sends out over the cable programs from distant stations.

In the old days, a major at-

traction of the system was the re-broadcasting of professional football games from distant cities.

Locally produced programs may also be featured on the "open" channels on CATV.

It was this potential that attracted the interest of the Farmington school system.

Discussion of the system at recent school board meetings mentioned the possibility of using a cable system to interconnect the schools for

special programs via television.

The possibility of broadcasting some local - interest programs, like high school football games or local council meetings also has been mentioned.

While all local communities have been approached regarding a cable franchise, Plymouth and Ann Arbor are among the few which have granted one.

Ann Arbor has an oper-

ational system, the only CATV now in operation in the Detroit area.

"We do not believe we need to go into detail on the profound effect that television has had in shaping the thinking and learning process of the people of our country," the report said.

Therefore, decisions concerning what services will be provided by a CATV franchise should be carefully considered."

Enterprise & Observer To Have New Format

The home town newspaper delivered to your doorstep this weekend will not only be a day earlier, but will appear in a new compact format.

The Friday publication date, announced several weeks ago, will begin Oct. 5. The product will be a streamlined offering - the suburban equivalent of a Sunday feature magazine.

The six-column tabloid format will highlight photos, human interest stories and things to do on the weekend, said Philip H. Power, pub-

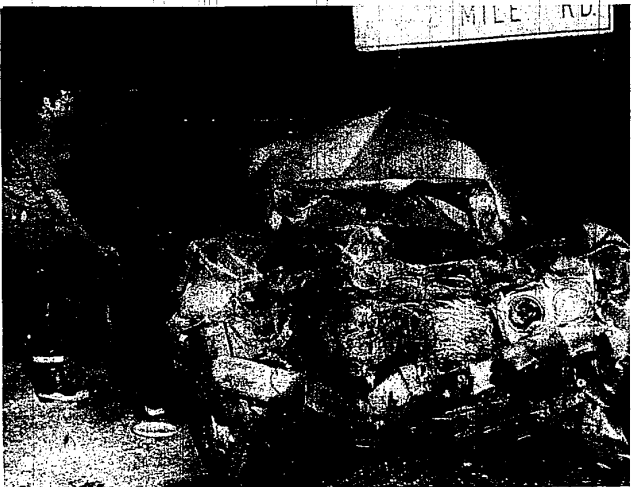
lisher of Observer Newspapers.

"Our coverage of Sports, Life and Religion will continue," said Power, "but we will place a new emphasis on leisure and human interest columns. The Friday delivery will be a better break for the shopper, the advertiser and the delivery boy."

News deadlines will be on Wednesday instead of Thursday. Classified advertising deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday instead of Friday. Weekend editions will also

appear in Garden City and Westland, where the Observer was previously published once a week.

The compact format will conserve scarce newsprint during the current shortage, but the idea had been considered for some time. "The newsprint shortage brought the idea off the drawing board," said Power, "and our entire staff is anxiously awaiting the challenge of a new product. We are sure the readers will like it, too."



3 Injured In Crash

A LEFT TURN off 13 Mile into a drive west of Orchard Lake was blamed for this crash Sunday evening. Daniel A. Swankko, 39, of 424 Shotka, Westland, was ticketed for an improper turn following the accident. He was treated and released at Botsford Hospital, as

was his passenger, Denise Mattula, of Warren, according to Farmington Hills police. Lawrence Stoler, Detroit, driver of the second car, was reported in fair condition. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Legal Ruling Supports Longer Northwestern

By KATHY MORAN

Public hearings on extension of Northwestern Highway ended with a feeling of fulfillment Thursday after the attorney general's office issued a memorandum late Wednesday saying the state is legally obligated to build the extension.

The memorandum, issued during the fifth of six public hearings sponsored by a special legislative committee, reaffirmed an earlier opinion that the state is legally obligated under terms of bonds sold in 1957 to finance the entire highway.

The legislative committee, co-chaired by Reps. Philip Mastin (D-Hazel Park) and Michael Novak (D-Detroit),

conducted three hearings in Lansing and three in Oakland County attempting to determine if plans for the extension had been improperly influenced by developers.

"It's almost an exercise in futility," Rep. Raymond Smit (R-Ann Arbor), a member of the committee, said after learning of the attorney general's opinion.

He said that the committee will go ahead and make a recommendation based on the hours of testimony it gathered from state and local officials and local citizens.

But Smit noted that it would be difficult for a state committee to issue a recommendation which contradicts a state ruling.

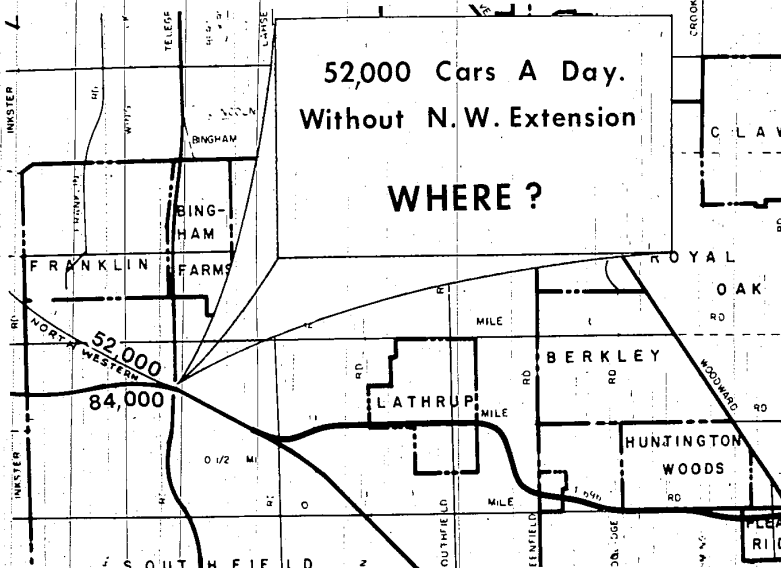
Smit said he and other committee members have reasonable doubts whether the \$53 million extension should be constructed and whether it should be a limited access freeway.

West Bloomfield Supervisor John Doherty said his township has based all its plans on the extension and has experienced "considerable cost increases" on projects that had to be tailored to the highway plans.

"In line with the plans and in anticipation of this extension, certain costs and delays have been incurred by the township," he said.

"When the 13 Mile arm of the Farmington Interceptor

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IF NORTHWESTERN Highway isn't extended, says Oakland County Road Commission Chairman William Richards, there won't be any other alternative to handle the 52,000 vehicles estimated daily 1980 traffic volume on the

easterly segment of the proposed extension. Richards says Oakland has been making regular annual payments of \$90,000 in debt service on the 1957 bond sale and will compel the state to fulfill its contract obligation.

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