



Special seniors

FIRST FARMINGTON SENIORS to try out the senior special were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Henke. Their ride to the senior drop in center in Masonic Temple cost them 50 cents apiece.

Henke, pleased with his bargain, left driver Dick Brown enough for a cup of coffee on the cold morning. (Photo by Fran Evert)

Farmington seniors try out their 'special' on snowy day

By CORINNE ABATT

Farmington's senior special plowed into action Wednesday morning, Jan. 8. Veteran driver Dick Brown

was at the wheel of the suburban Checker Cab with the big senior special sign on the door when the first call came through. The city's senior citizens may cab any place

within the city of Farmington for 50 cents on Wednesdays.

Brown headed his cab west on Grand River to answer his 9 a.m. call saying, "I

know these people, they're regular callers."

He pulled in the drive of the picturesque white home and scarcely a second or two later, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Henke came trudging through the new snow with a cheery "Good morning."

Mrs. Henke, vice president of a senior group, was bound for Farmer Jack's to pick up coffee and cream for the noon luncheon and pinocle session at the Masonic Temple.

Both thought the senior special was a fine idea, but Mrs. Henke questioned the choice of day. She agreed that seniors meet at the Masonic Temple on Wednesdays, but said the Monday luncheon is usually better attended.

"Many would use the cab for doctor's appointments, but most of them are closed



JOANNE LEAVY

Joanne Leavy opens art show

Joanne Leavy, an original member of the Farmington Artist Club, is currently exhibiting her work at the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile Rd.

Her paintings will be there through this month.

Mrs. Leavy has been painting since the age of 15 and has studied art at the Meisner Art School, Marygrove

College and various other art associations.

"Being the mother of five children keeps me very busy," Mrs. Leavy said, "but with the time I find for myself I usually paint."

"All media has its own merits and I use whatever my subject calls for," she went on. "Lately I find myself painting things that I know well in a very loose, washy style."

School tax vote date is debated

An election on renewing millage affecting about \$1.9 million of the Farmington School District's revenue is coming up this spring, but the board was unable Tuesday to decide on exactly when.

After about an hour's debate, the board voted to direct the administration to reserve a date "sometime in April."

Two issues, totaling five mills and representing about \$1.9 million in revenue, about 10 per cent of the budget, are expiring this year, according to Business Manager William Prisk.

"There is no question we will need the money from the renewal," Prisk said. He cited contracted increases for teachers and other staff, increases in costs of fuel, and a general increase in the cost of living.

An anticipated increase in assessments for both the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills could add about 10 per cent to tax bills. Prisk explained this would not be reflected directly as increased revenue for the district.

"The state aid formula reduces state aid as local revenue increases," he said. "If local revenue goes up \$1 million, it means the district gets between \$300,000 and \$400,000 after the loss of aid is accounted for."

Prisk made the statement in response to questions from the audience regarding the increased assessment.

While the board agreed on the need for the renewal, it

was unable to agree on a date for the election.

Suggestions included voting on the renewal in April, voting during the regular board election in June, or possibly holding a special election in August.

Trustee Gary Lichtman supported the April date, saying "millages make great political platforms. We should separate this form politics in June."

Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan argued for the regular ballot in June, pointing to a potential cost saving of about \$2,500.

Although the April date passed by a 4-2 vote, with Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Kathryn Stirling dissenting, a followup motion delayed setting the actual date.

Prisk also did not commit the district to a decision on additional millage, although he mentioned the possibility.

2 arrested in stolen automobiles

Farmington Hills police arrested two men, who were charged with possession of stolen automobiles.

Cornel Brown, 27, of Detroit, and Thomas Cottrell, 23, of Detroit, were arraigned on charges of possession of stolen property before 47th District Judge Michael Hand.

Brown was also charged with possession of narcotics.

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