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## Shiawassee park to get restroom

By JUDY OWEN

FARMINGTON—The council authorized the city to begin construction of a restroom facility for Shiawassee City Park.

By appointing Robert Deadman, city manager, as project construction manager, the council expects to save 10-15 percent on the project.

The \$9,000 facility, to be built on the existing cement slab and foundation just south of the parking lot on the east side of Shiawassee Park, was to include a picnic shelter.

Spirling construction costs made it financially impossible to construct the shelter on this year's budget, Deadman said.

PROVISIONS are being made to permit addition of the shelter later, he said. Completion is expected by next June.

Eighteen months after the fact, the council passed a traffic ordinance prohibiting a left turn from the Downtown Center Service Drive onto Grand River.

A sign prohibiting such turns has been posted at the Grand River Service Drive opposite Warner Street for about 18 months, although no traffic control ordinance was drafted at the time of the installation, Deadman said.

THE CITY accepted a property deed for lot 223 of the Floral Park Subdivision from the state's department of natural resources.

The city paid \$56 for the special assessment for a sidewalk repair made on the property.

The city expects to construct a mini-park, which will include swings, a sand box and picnic table, on the property.

The council accepted the resignation of Don Stoddard from the planning commission.

It approved the appointments of Betty Holm and Fred Welsh to the Farmington Beautification Committee. Mrs. Holm will fill the unexpired term of Harold Polus who recently resigned from the committee, while Welsh will serve a two-year term expiring in June 1976.

## Electronic advances help veterinarians

SOUTHFIELD—"Science fiction has become reality, and veterinarians are

among the beneficiaries."

That's the view of William Winkler, administrator of the Veterinary Medical Laboratories on Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

"Medical science has made tremendous advances in the clinical laboratory field in the past few years to help doctors diagnose and treat disease," he said.

"A machine has been perfected that will automatically perform a series of 15 complicated blood chemistry tests on only two or three drops of serum."

The AcuChem Microanalyzer performs at the rate of 60 samples an hour, said Winkler, and that's 900 tests. It uses only tiny amounts of chemical reagents precisely measured by electronic sensors, he said.

THE MACHINE is self-monitoring and instantly alerts the operator to any malfunction. It prints out readable test results and can be hooked up to a computer which will interpret the results.

The \$115,000 system has become the heart of Veterinary Medical Laboratories, said Winkler.

The laboratory was organized in March when the AcuChem opened up a way for advances in medical technology to be applied to veterinary medicine, he said. The diagnostic laboratory serves veterinarians exclusively.

"Previously," said Winkler, "these sophisticated new tests were not available to veterinarians on a wide enough scale to make it economically feasible for them to routinely use laboratory tests for diagnosing animal diseases."

"Although many animal hospitals and clinics have their own labs, usually only a few tests are done because of expense and the large volume of specimen required."

"VETERINARIANS sometimes send their specimens to human medical laboratories. But there are particular problems that these labs aren't designed to cope with."

The purpose of the veterinary lab.

said Winkler, is to give veterinarians a broad range of more than 50 automated and manual tests for diseases of small and large animals.

"We give prompt, personalized service, help interpret results, assist with any special diagnostic problems and

inform veterinarians of the best possible use of the new technology," he said.

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