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## John Anhut honored with top civic award

FARMINGTON—"I'm in enviable company," said John W. Anhut of Farmington Hills when he learned he had been selected "Citizen of the Year" by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Anhut, 51, referred to the four citizens who had received the award since 1970, when it first began.

The 1974 contest is sponsored jointly by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Owner of the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, Anhut was chairman in charge of the sesquicentennial celebration in 1974.

Beside being president and director of the Anhut Hotel Co., and past president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, Anhut is chairman of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Health, Welfare and Pension Fund and chaired Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton's campaign for state representative.

HE IS DIRECTOR of the Botsford Hospital as well as director of the

First Farmington Saving and Loan Association and the Woodcreek Farms Civic Association.

He is also a member of the Department of Labor's wage and deviation board, an appointment made by former Gov. George Romney and reconfirmed by Gov. William Milliken.

"Women are here (in the working world) to stay," said the married father of five, speaking of women's liberation. "Thank God for them—they're easier to get along with than men."

They are more understanding, he said, and "put up with more than the average man would."

He also is concerned with negativism, which, he said, is reflected in the mass media today and talked about by various "preachers of gloom."

"WE'LL TALK ourselves right into a depression," he said. "At least I've spoken my piece."

"I'm tired of hearing these I-told-you-so people who are prophets of doom. What do they do themselves? Nothing."

"The day of reckoning is rapidly approaching, and if we don't stand up for what is right, then there is going to be no one there to pick up the pieces when everything is gone."

Anhut developed and organized the sesquicentennial committee, and directed its efforts through five months of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Farmington community, culminating with the Farmington Founder's Festival in July.

A luncheon and an "old-time" costume party at the Community Center in March launched the activities. At least one major event each month was scheduled to highlight the celebration, including the Michigan Million Dollar Drawing in May.

THE JULY Founder's Festival featured a Jaycee Wild West Rodeo, and the selection and crowning of a Festival Queen. The Festival itself attracted more than 100,000 visitors during a three-day period.

A resident of Farmington Hills for 24 years, Anhut entered the United States Navy as an ensign in 1943 and

was assigned to the amphibious operations in the South Pacific. While there, he was awarded seven combat stars as assault beach master.

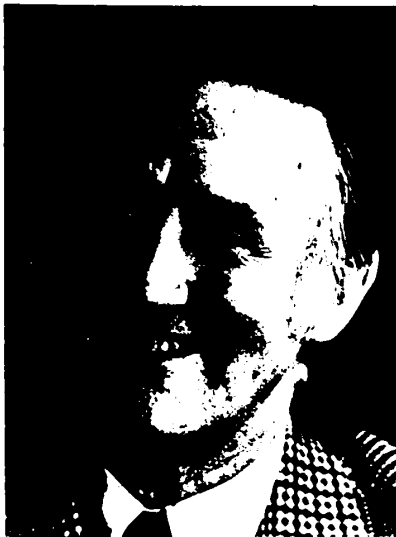
Discharged in 1946, he began studying hotel management at the University of Detroit, where he was graduated from law school in 1950.

Selection criteria for "Citizen of the Year" included the accomplishment of "something for the Farmington community, over and above a regular job," said Ed Lane, executive director of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

ANYONE IN the Farmington community is eligible for nomination, and this year 10 nominations were received.

After the selections committee, headed by James Wibby, narrowed the choice to three, the chamber board of directors selected Anhut as the award recipient.

Previous years' winners include 1970—Ron Holland, 1971—Louis Gilson, 1972—Dr. Robert Douglass, 1973—Marlowe Belanger.



JOHN ANHUT

## Cities split cost

### 9 Mile residents win street improvements

FARMINGTON—Five residents living along Nine Mile Road east of Freedom Road have temporarily won their battle to improve the gravel road in front of their homes.

Although jurisdiction is shared by Farmington and Farmington Hills, the city council agreed Monday night to split the cost of regreaveling and provide the labor for spreading the gravel.

Estimated cost for the gravel is \$300, but the cost of several days' labor will triple the amount, City Manager Robert F. Deadman said.

For its half of the agreement, Farmington Hills will finance the other half the regreaveling. In addition to proper ditching and engineering for the project.

Residents claimed they had been trying for months to direct attention to the road, with little success.

THEY BROUGHT their improvement request before the Farmington City Council, which directed Deadman to meet with Farmington Hills director of Public Works, Ralph D. Magid. "Although Farmington Hills is cer-

tainly concerned about the condition of all the gravel roads, priorities must be given to those roads which are heavily traveled and have a history of requiring constant maintenance," Deadman said.

A permanent improvement of the application of 2 1/2 feet of seven-inch-deep strength asphalt on Nine Mile had been discussed. An estimate developed in early 1974 projected an estimated cost of \$20,000.

"It's an asset to get it paved rather than pour the thousand dollars into it

year after year," Deadman said.

Councilmen agreed. "We're not going to spend \$300 on that three or four times a year," Mayor Ralph Yoder said.

IN AN EFFORT to encourage permanent improvement, the city is considering a proposal to finance 10-15 per cent of the cost, with the residents paying the most.

Of the five residents along the stretch, four are Farmington residents and the other is Farmington Hills.

The council tabled a request from William C. Blackman to obtain two taxicab bond plates.

Blackman said he wanted the plates so that he would be able to gather the patrons he had delivered to Farmington for the return trip.

The issuance of the bond plates would necessitate an inspection of the cabs by the public safety department.

and the drivers would require public vehicle licenses prior to beginning operations in the city.

A RESOLUTION supporting the designation of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as the responsible agency to conduct water quality management planning was passed by the council.

The water quality management planning would be done under the provisions of section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act amendments of 1972 and the EPA regulations relating to this act.

In other actions, the city council granted permission for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (ALSAC) to conduct its 1975 Teen March and Tag Day sales during August and September.

Permission also was granted to conduct door-to-door sales on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Amendments to the city's historical district were requested by Paul Schreiber, chairman of the Farmington Historical Commission.

The amended district would include Governor Warner's home.

"THE COMMISSION is concerned that if this area is left out of the Farmington Historical District, it may adversely affect the pending application with the State Historical Commission to designate the governor's home as an historical site within the National Registry," Deadman explained.

The council voted to participate in the Boys State program. The cost is \$50 for one boy. Contact person chosen for the program was Councilman John Allen.

Jan. 18, Jan. 25 was proclaimed Jaycee Week and Jan. 26/27 as Junior Achievement week within Farmington.



## A little help from my friend

Skating on a rugged patch of ice is the height of outdoor recreation this time of year for those who don't like heights. But even the distance from the skater to the ice is hard to handle. So a hand from a friend makes skating easier, and more realistic for the outdoor type. (Photographed by Gary Friedman)

## Public opinion poll splits school board

FARMINGTON—A proposal to contract with Robinson Co. for a demographic and attitudinal survey of the Farmington School District was narrowly defeated Tuesday night by the board of education.

In a 4-3 vote, the board stopped a proposal by trustee Mervyn B. Ross that it award the survey contract to Robinson Co., a move which would have cost \$300.

Opposition to the proposal came because of the cost as well as a desire to wait 10 hear the results of the PTA's "coffee and comments" survey, and the studies being conducted by the administration.

"I don't think that at the present time we should expend this amount of money," said Board Secretary Emma Makinen.

"I think we should wait to evaluate the information from the coffees," said, I believe Mr. Freedman and his staff and Mr. Schulman are presently working on their own studies. I think we have a long-term need to have these studies."

However, short-term needs, together with the current budget, would not permit such a study, she said.

Treasurer William R. Gravius agreed.

"I think we're going to need a more detailed study than Mr. Robinson can give us," he said.

In an effort to explain the "coffee and comments" survey, Mrs. Vivian Jurosch, PTA president, read sample questions she and the coffee moderators plan to ask.

THE NATURE of this research is to bring more information to the board," she said. "It's also to make the voters aware of the Farmington districts in all its facets."

The moderators and their assistants would be there to ask questions, not to answer them, she said.

"We want to know what their likes and dislikes are. We're asking them for input," she said.

Information should be compiled and given to the board by the middle of February, she said.

School Superintendent Marvyn Van Arneyde sided with Ross and trustees Ann Rodewig and Anne Struble as he desires to contract for a study by an outside agency.

"We should get someone in here without the views and biases of interested parties such as boards and school administration," he said.

"WE'RE WRESTLING with the decision of our school program within the next year," he said. "No citizen's committee and no board of education can do this kind of job."

Voting against the measure were Lichman, Cortius, Gravius and Makinen.

In other action, the board adopted a resolution to authorize signatures of the new officers on the several bank accounts of the district.

The board also approved the relocation of the auto exhaust system at Farmington High School to alleviate a ventilation problem.

Car exhaust was not properly ventilated, so doors had to be open for fresh air, according to a report.

The cost of the project, awarded to Savard Sheet Metal Inc., was estimated at \$2,646.



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