

today's hot line what's inside

The Old Culprit

In the past three years, 21 senior citizens, widows and disabled veterans in the City of Farmington have lost their property tax exemptions. The culprit? Inflation. The answer? Yes, there is an answer.

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Trial For Doctor

A Farmington doctor charged with two counts of abortion and a third charge of practicing sexual intercourse under the guise of medical treatment has been bound over to Circuit Court for trial. An account of the complainant's testimony is given inside.

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Junebug Snaps

Junebug was pretty handy with a camera in civilian life and continues to display his handiwork with the shutter while serving a military tour. Proof is his list of military awards.

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Tops In Dance

Detroit's top ballet company is coming to Clarencville. Its director is a new resident of Livonia. You can read about Sandra Severo in Margaret Miller's Woman On The Go.

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Moliere The Bard?

A famed Shakespeare company doing a Moliere comedy...that's this week's program in the Oakland Community College Contrast Series. Who's coming and what's the play?

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upcoming

THE 1970 CENSUS is coming sooner than you think. And while other papers were asleep, Observer Newspapers Roving Editor Dennis L. Pajot got the details on how the census will be run in suburbia and who's going to be in charge. Watch the Sunday edition.

FAVORITE SPORT of most suburbanites continues to be bowling, and W. W. Edgar gives the best local wrapup each week. Don't miss "In the Pocket" in the Sunday edition.

THE GIFT SPOTTER

BRIGHT GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

You'll find a treasure chest of sparkling, practical gifts for everyone on your list in the "Gift Spotter" in the Classified Section. Pick the gifts, select the store, they be off on your whirlwind shopping tour. Check it now!

Building Moratorium Extended Another 90 Days

Farmington City Council Monday night extended the moratorium on commercial building permits in the downtown business district for another 90 days.

The original moratorium, which would have expired this week, was enacted to preclude any building activity in the Central Business District (CBD) while a CBD zoning ordinance amendment was under study.

The 90-day extension gives

the city time to take action on the proposed CBD ordinance, which has been written and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. in the council chambers. The ordinance will be introduced Jan. 5 and cannot be adopted until at least Jan. 19.

After the CBD ordinance is adopted, another public hearing must be held to remove all property in the downtown district to the new zoning.

Thus, the downtown zoning

could not be implemented until some time in February.

The Jan. 5 council meeting will be the first public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The planning committee did not hold a hearing in order to expedite the matter.

MONDAY NIGHT, Mayor William "Brokerton" requested that any existing uses in the CBD which are not listed under "permitted uses" in the ordinance be listed in a memo to the council with explanations given for the deletions.

Dick Tupper, chairman of the downtown redevelopment sub-

committee of the Planning Commission, explained there will be a lot of non-conforming uses and borderline cases once the ordinance passes.

But, he added, these cases can be taken to the Zoning Board of Appeals with site plans approved by the planning commission.

Tupper reported his subcommittee will be conducting a continuing study on parking and signs in the CBD. Possibly in three months, he said, the subcommittee will ask for amendment of the sign ordinance to include special provisions for the CBD.

THE CBD ZONING ordinance was prepared by the city's planning consultants, Draker and Associates.

The ordinance explains its intent as "to facilitate the move-

ment of pedestrian shoppers, to facilitate the close proximity of stores one to another, and to exclude commercial and other uses and operations that tend to be detrimental to the development of a concentrated shopping area."

Uses excluded from the CBD, but which may be located in other districts in the city, include industrial, residential, warehousing and storage.

Maximum building height allowed in the CBD, if the ordinance passes, would be three stories and 35 feet.

IN OTHER ACTION:

The council nominated John Hatfield to the City Beautification Committee. Hatfield is a practicing horticulturist.

The council also accepted the resignation of Councilman John Allen from the Beautification Committee and is expected to fill

that vacancy in January. Allen said other commitments have kept him from devoting necessary time to the committee.

The council recommended to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors the nomination of Robert Lefkowitz to the county human relations committee.

The county is forming a 15-member human relations committee and asked the city for a nomination. Lefkowitz was active in the defunct Farmington Human Relations Committee.

The council also waived the formality of sealed bids to replace a sewage pump at the Nine Mile Road lift station pump.

The City DPW had asked eight firms for bids but did not receive any replies.

Final payments for paving projects were approved as follows: Woodcroft subdivision, \$3,300; Alta Loma subdivision, \$1,765.

Alliance Seeks Safe Boundaries

An ad hoc committee has been formed to push cityhood for Farmington Township and to "protect" the township's boundaries.

The Protect Our Boundaries Committee was formed Nov. 20 at the suggestion of Robert McConnell, who headed the recent petition drive to incorporate the township into a home rule city.

McConnell had invited a group of concerned residents to the meeting which resulted in formation of the ad hoc committee to enlist "all possible support within the township, Quakerstown and Wood Creek Farms to form one city composed of the three governmental units."

AT A HEARING before the State Boundary Commission on Nov. 12, the City of Farmington took exception to the form in which the township incorporation petition was drawn.

The city argued the petition was not legal because it included two corporate municipalities. The village representatives urged that a consolidation vote be set rather than an incorporation election.

"Our petition to protect the boundaries of the township and villages against annexation has been questioned only because it proposes incorporation rather than consolidation of the three governmental units," explains McConnell.

"We believe the people in the township and villages agree with the substance of what we have proposed—that we must be able to protect our boundaries and tax base. That was our sole purpose when we filed the petition and it is our sole purpose now in

fighting for what we believe is right.

"As individuals, we have gone as far as we can go," McConnell says. "We must now solicit the help and assistance of all residents of the township and villages."

McCONNELL SAID the Protect Our Boundaries Committee believes formation of a new city is more important than the method used to accomplish that purpose.

"The petition for incorporation now under study by the State Boundary Commission is one way of forming a new city," he added, "but equally acceptable would be a proposal for consolidation of the three governmental units."

Consolidation, if allowed, would provide for representation from each of the governmental units on the charter commission elected to draw up a charter for the new city. Consolidation would also give a veto power on the question to the township and both villages.

The committee also believes that only through formation of a city can area residents protect their tax base and plan effectively for the community's future, McConnell said.

"Until firm boundaries have been established by the creation of a new city," he continues, "the growth and orderly development of the community will be jeopardized by attempts of neighboring cities to annex portions of the township."

CURRENTLY, the total assessed valuation of the industrial and commercial tax base in Farmington Township is \$196 million, said McConnell. About \$22 million of this, ac-

cording to tax rolls, is located in the more than 12 square miles which the residents from City of Farmington want to annex.

City residents have an annexation petition on file with Oakland County requesting an annexation vote, if approved, half of the township area south of 19 Mile would become part of the city. Action cannot be taken, however, unless the Boundary Commission rejects the incorporation petition now before it.

McConnell reports that the assessed valuation of personal property in the proposed annexation area is about \$8 million, for a total of \$30 million.

It is estimated, says McConnell, that by the beginning of 1970 the assessed valuation of the industrial and commercial tax base in the area the township could lose will be some \$40 million. Some estimates place its eventual value at \$150 million, he added.

RESIDENTS present at the first meeting of the Protect Our Boundaries Committee were:

Edward Andries, Barbara Benya, Robert Byron, Arthur Damiani, Keith Ducon, Fredric Fairfield, William Flattery, Russell Gilbert, Marshall Greene, Stanley Kessler, Leroy LeGros, Edward LaWayne and Emanuel Marks. Also: Benjamin Marks, McConnell, Philip Messenbrink and Arnold Michlin.

Temporary officers are: McConnell, chairman; Fairfield, vice chairman; and Mrs. Benya, secretary. Elected to a steering committee were Flattery, Marks, Maisel and Michlin.



CABIN DESTROYED -- A vacant cabin burned Friday morning at Keller Cabins east of Middle Belt on Grand River in Farmington Township. Township firemen fought the fire for three hours. The firemen saved two other buildings, but one cabin was burned. Old wiring is believed to have caused the fire.

(Event photo)

25,000 Miles, 225 Speeches For Nowak

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Patrick M. Nowak of 22965 Mayfield, Farmington, estimates that he'll make 225 speeches this year.

Probably he'll travel 25,000 miles to do it.

Nowak will do all this in his capacity as president of the Michigan Jaycees.

AS FAR AS the speeches are concerned, Nowak says he would have been appalled at the thought of making any speech if he had never joined Jaycees.

In personal conversation, he will talk at length about the ability of the Jaycees organization to build leaders.

"That's really what we're all about," he says. "We don't build committees -- we build leaders and they lead the community. The best example, you could say, is that one of us is sitting in the White House. We've got another one sitting as chief justice of the Supreme Court."

NOWAK'S personal efforts during this year as state president have been toward bridging the generation gap. This he feels is a natural for the Jaycees because they are young men and not so identified with the establishment.

"I said in my inaugural address," he points out, "that our challenge (the Jaycees) is to become the generation bridge."

"We're trying to address ourselves to the issues by establishing chapters on college campuses," he adds, "We're attempting to become part of the solution instead of part of the problem."

He continues, "First we have to convince youth that we're worthy of their efforts, although that doesn't mean that I think that everything they do is all

right."

THE FARMINGTON Jaycees most recent effort in favor of consolidation capped the group's long list of community enterprises.

Nowak explains this interest in community affairs:

"The Jaycees' best efforts are when they see a need in the community. This might mean anything from something for youth to a bond effort to backing a change in the form of government."

NOTING that his group successfully backed the Little League in Farmington and pools and auditoriums for the school, the state president says, "Our best efforts are in spearheading something to get it going and then turning it over to the interested persons."

"But," he comments, "for that reason it's not so easy to recognize our collective efforts. For example, we currently have 13 chapter efforts. And the state Jaycees recently received the first grant for a civic organization from the Ford Foundation. It was given for our 'Operation Opportunity.' Last year, nationally, we contributed \$98 million to mental health. Yet we don't discuss our members for these projects."

"Nationally, we have passed resolutions in support of the President's efforts for peace. Our national policy is in support of a constitutional prayer amendment, and we're supporting the President's efforts for draft reform."

"Statewide we're in charge of the efforts for reforestation license plates."

IT'S NOWAK'S contention that the consolidation issue was defeated in Farmington because

of fear taxes would be raised and city residents fearing they would have to pay for township roads, and other improvements.

"It was fear," Nowak says. "The people were not seeing all the benefits. What a lot of nonsense it is to talk about the maintaining of the small community when you've got a superhighway running through here."

"And Farmington's well being," he adds, "depends on the well being of Detroit. We've got to do everything we can to show people that just because they live outside the corporate limits of Detroit what happens there does concern them."

"Unless we have a thriving City of Detroit we've cut the core of Michigan."

NOWAK HAS taken personal credit with him into the state presidency of the Jaycees. He says his credo has been the opening lines to Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities": "It's a time of hope. It's a time of despair."

He elaborates: "There are a lot of things to be concerned about -- but there's more to be optimistic about. The difference is whether people are willing to be involved with other people."

"It seems that America is becoming more concerned with people problems instead of mechanical problems. The challenge of technology is no longer there. We have solved most of the problems of technology. We're just as able to solve the problems of people."

AND LIKE the dedicated Jaycees he is, Nowak cites the national theme of the Jaycees this year -- "Creating Environment for Change."

This seems to sum up what the state president thinks about local issues, youth issues, national issues and so on.