



REVIVING MEMORIES - Mrs. Norma Peters serves coffee to Mrs. Jenny Zingleman at Farmington Community Center's Christmas party for senior citizens Dec. 3. Mrs. Zingleman, an 1892 graduate of Farmington High School, can remember visiting what is now the center when it was the residence of its original builder, Palmer Sherman. From there, she double-dated with Miss Grace Sherman, heading for such exciting places as a spelling bee or the Northville horse races. (Evert photo)



FA, LA, IA -- It was befitting that the Farmington Community Center's Christmas tree was decorated as a joint project of the Forest Park, Hill and Dale and Farmington Garden Clubs, plus Farmington and Novi Girl Scouts. Among those who decked the tree were Mrs. Edward Lavanway, project chairman; Mrs. David Camp of Hill and Dale Garden Club; and Mrs. Mathew Maxon of the Forest Park Club. (Evert photo)

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Mrs. Metta Conroy Ambler of Farmington, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently, has been presented a special centennial gift pack from H. J. Heinz Co.

Mrs. Ambler, who lives at the Farmington Nursing Home, received a personal letter of congratulations from Henry J. Heinz II, chairman of the board.

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Michigan Bell Announces \$2 Million Expansion

FARMINGTON Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced today that it will spend \$2 million next year to expand and improve telephone service in Farmington, and a total of \$31 million in seven major Oakland County communities.

KENNETH J. WHALEN, Michigan Bell president, said in Detroit that the expenditure is part of the company's record \$200 million construction program for 1970. It tops this year's by some \$26 million and marks the first time that the company-wide outlay will exceed the quarter-billion-dollar figure.

"The size of next year's construction program reflects not only the company's confidence in the future of Michigan, but also our determination to provide the amount and quality of communications services necessary to serve the public," Whalen said.

"We have been able to maintain good service and keep pace with the sharply rising demands on our facilities," he said. "But recently we have had to raise our sights to make sure our construction plans are in line with changing customer needs."

Whalen disclosed that part of the 1970 program will be financed through the sale of a \$150 million debenture issue, largest in the company's history. Directors of Michigan Bell already have authorized the sale and, if all regulatory approvals are obtained, bids are expected to be opened next February. Robert L. Kilpatrick, Michigan Bell manager here, said next year's total expenditure for Farmington will be allocated as follows: Outside plant facilities, \$600,000; telephone equipment in homes and offices, \$535,000; central office equipment, \$775,000; and miscellaneous \$70,000.

STATEWIDE, the 1970 program calls for the start of two new buildings and 17 large

building additions. Nine new buildings and 14 additions, started last year, also will be completed.

Included in the program is Michigan Bell's largest single building project in history, the \$35 million corporate headquarters building now being erected in downtown Detroit. The 17-story structure is scheduled to be finished in 1972.

Michigan Bell expects to add 200,000 telephones next year,

and anticipates serving about 4.5 million telephones by the end of 1970. The company expects to handle more than five billion local and long distance calls next year.

To handle the new orders for phone service and to fill increased requests for better grades of service, such as private lines, the company plans to install about 13 billion conductor feet of exchange cable.



PARTY MEMORIES - It's over till next year, but Farmington Association of Educational Secretaries enjoyed its 1969 Christmas dinner held recently in Huck's. Those who attended included (from left in back) Mrs. Virginia Tinson and Mrs. Elsie Graves. In front is Mrs. Gloria Devlin. (Evert photo)

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Two Up, One Left

FARMINGTON A new traffic control order has been issued which will remove all parking on Shawassee within City of Farmington limits.

The city council at its last meeting approved an order to ban all parking on the south side of Shawassee from Orchard Lake east to the city limits at Hawthorne. Parking had been banned previously on the north side of Shawassee.

A report from Robert Deadman, director of the Department of Public Safety, showed that parking on the south side of Shawassee has hindered turning movements of traffic at the intersection of Shawassee and Orchard Lake Rds.

Five parked cars have been involved in accidents at this intersection during the past three years, said Deadman, and the parked cars have been causation factors in other accidents.

DURING THE Dec. 1 meeting, Deadman reported that work orders have been issued for a traffic signal at Power and Grand River. City Manager John Dinan told the council the light might be installed by Christmas.

It was also reported that a traffic light has already been installed at Halsted and Grand River. The signal is activated for heavy traffic periods between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. After 10 p.m., the lights go to a yellow flasher on Grand River and a red flasher on Halsted.

A THIRD request made by the council for a traffic light at Shawassee and Orchard Lake

cannot be accomplished immediately.

Dinan reported that Oakland County will not authorize a traffic signal on a two-lane highway and the intersection must be widened to four lanes before a light can be installed.

Dinan said the estimated cost of widening the Shawassee-Orchard Lake intersection to four lanes is \$50,000. The city may be able to obtain help from a federal safety program with the city paying only 25% of the cost.



ON SALE - The Farmington Goodfellows will conduct the annual Goodfellow Newspaper Sale Dec. 12. Among the old newsboys will be: from left, Charles Bridges, Chuck Williams and Bruce Habermeil. (Evert photo)

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