



SIGHTSEEING — Students from Farmington's Our Lady of Mercy High School took time out from their studies at the Foreign Language League Schools to tour Rome. One of the spots they visited was the Four Rivers Fountain in the city of hills and fountains.



CRACKING THE BOOKS — The scene might be Madrid, Spain, but all classrooms look the same as a contingent of students from Farmington's Our Lady of Mercy High School and the Bay City schools study Spanish. The group spent the summer studying in Europe under the sponsorship of the Foreign Language League Schools.

Order Clinic Rezoning Hearing

A rezoning request for a medical clinic at the northwest corner of Gill Rd. and Freedom Dr. has been sent back to the Planning Commission by the Farmington Township Board with instructions to set a public hearing.

The commission had denied the request at an earlier meeting because of the residential character of the surrounding area and for fear that the rezoning might set a precedent for other businesses to enter the area.

The proposal will be discussed at the next joint meeting between city and township officials. If not delayed at the township Planner's September meeting, the public hearing should be Oct. 24.

REPRESENTING owners of the clinic before the Township Board recently was Albert Herzog.

Herzog explained that a group of six medical doctors want to build medical offices and a clinic at the Gill-Freedom corner. All six practice medicine in Farmington, he noted, and all but one live in the Farmington area. Three of them presently have their offices in a clinic located three blocks east of the proposed site.

Courtroom Facility Ups Cost Of Township Hall

Costs for building the new Farmington Township Hall have increased due to necessary alterations to transform the courtroom to meet requirements of the newly formed District Court.

When plans were originally drawn for the city center, the architects designed the courtroom to serve the Township Justice of the Peace.

Since then, however, the state legislature passed a bill which abolished all JPs and Municipal Courts and set up District Courts in their place.

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Swanson Associates, the township's architects, submitted plans for alteration upon Hall's request. Estimates are that the costs will be \$2,276 higher than the original contract.

Hall described the alterations as a "minimal change" involving two extra doors, one partition, and moving the raised platform.

Minor work involves changing the lighting and revising the electrical wiring.

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Herzog contended that the size and presence of 1-86 expressway does not make the area conducive to residential development.

He said he contacted neighbors and only one objected with the rest being in favor or non-committal. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns, however, said he was aware of opposition from Alta Loma Subdivision, located east of the proposed clinic.

Cairns was in favor of the commission re-examining the request but voted against the board instructing the commission to hold a public hearing.

Summarizing his arguments, Herzog built the following case: ● The petitioners are local doctors who would like to remain in Farmington but need expanded facilities.

● The site was large enough to provide sufficient parking and included natural screening from adjoining residential lots.

● Plans establish a good traffic pattern by limiting access to Freedom Dr.

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OCC Slates Accident Instruction For Police

A one-week Accident Investigation course for police personnel will be offered by the Oakland and Police Academy of Oakland Community College, Sept. 9-15.

Objectives of the course include the improving of the student's knowledge and understanding of accident problems, the improving of his investigative skill and quality of data obtained at accident scenes, and through classroom instruction and actual practical field exercises, the improving of the student's techniques and procedures for obtaining facts regarding how and why accidents happen.

Sponsored by the Oakland County Law Enforcement Commission, the course has been specifically developed for all police personnel assigned to traffic control and accident investigation, according to Ralph W. Maxiey, academy coordinator.

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Township Sets Drain Repair Cost At \$10 Each

Irate homeowners plagued by flooding have been offered an economical solution from Farmington Township which will cost about \$10 per homeowner.

A number of residents had complained about flooding in their area which is bounded by Purdue and Tulane, and Fairchild and Liberty Sts.

The cause was identified as a private storm drain which had not been maintained and badly needed cleaning. The drain runs from Purdue east to Tulane between Liberty and Fairchild.

The drain can be cleaned out for \$1,000. A builder developing homes in the area has promised to provide \$500 and the Township has agreed to kick in another \$250.

This leaves \$250 to be paid by the interested homeowners or less than \$10 apiece for the 30 homes in the neighborhood. The private drain was installed back in the early 1920's and since an easement was never granted, and because it is located on private property, the drain has never been maintained.

In fact, neither the county nor township have a legal right to maintain it since it is on private property. Homeowners appearing before the board were advised to conduct a door-to-door campaign throughout their neighborhood requesting contributions to raise the \$250.

Law Waits Two Years For Youth

For two years, Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Bryon Walters has been waiting for a youthful traffic offender to face an examination on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Robert B. Thomas, of Pontiac, appeared in court Friday on another charge which was dismissed, but Judge Walters remembered the name and asked Thomas to remain for examination on the traffic case.

Since Thomas' attorney was not informed of the traffic violation, the examination was adjourned.

In a separate case, John Hubbard of Highland Park was found guilty of assault and battery, fined \$100 plus \$25 costs, and told to make restitution for \$557.

A Royal Oak youth, Charles Belcher, was bound over to Circuit Court on charges of breaking and entering Grand River Boat Sales, 28928 Grand River, on May 12.

In a final case, Judge Walters denied an adjournment requested by Edward Regan, attorney for Clifford Antya of Detroit who was charged with writing a check without sufficient funds. After the adjournment was denied, Antya made restitution to the complainant for \$557.

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