

# FHS plans 'Pygmalion'

## To be played May 17-19

George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" will be presented by the Farmington High School Players with 8 p.m. performances May 17-19 at the school. Tickets at \$2 each may be obtained at the door. The famous musical, "My Fair Lady," is based on the play.



Phil Lynch makes a point with Kim Noles during a rehearsal of "Pygmalion" on the Farmington High School stage.

Photos by Randy Borst



"Pygmalion" players (standing, from left) John Hovanesian, Phil Lynch and Julie Smith and (seated) Kim Noles practice their lines. The play runs Thursday through Saturday at Farmington High School.

## Farmington Hills tax hike proposed

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increase is continued growth in state shared revenues (which are mostly shared tax receipts from state sales and income taxes).

But next year's budget will still have to be balanced with \$508,238 from the city's reserves. That would leave about \$1.5 million (10 percent of the total 1984-85 budget) in reserves, said William Costick, assistant city manager.

The city's proposed budget also similarly represents a 4.34-percent increase in expenditures.

The increase, Costick said, is due in large part to the proposed addition of three full-time police officers as well as increasing three part-time positions to full-time, Costick added. Two of the three part-time positions are in the building and engineering departments.

The third part-time position is the city's housing-rehabilitation specialist. The proposed one-half mill for capi-

tal improvements would be used to implement the first year of a recommended six-year capital-improvements plan. Although the city council has yet to adopt the six-year plan, the proposed one-half mill, to be levied for one year, would get the ball rolling on the most immediately needed improvements.

THE PROPOSED one-half mill would generate \$498,000. But the city's 1984-85 proposed capital-improvements budget stands at \$1.9 million.

To meet the necessary cost of the first-year program, city officials would have to use approximately \$983,000 in reserves and a \$235,000 contribution from the city's general fund in addition to the proposed one-half mill.

The proposed budget for capital improvements, Savage said, does "not address the issue of financing the entire capital-improvements program and such major projects as a new police

building and the construction of drainage and street improvements."

But the proposed one-half mill for one year, Costick said, would have been much higher if the city had not already set aside Community Development Block Grant money for drainage, or money for the Spicer property, Caddell Drain (for which the city is already obligated), 12 Mile Road improvements and a \$50,000 allotment for architectural drawings for the police building.

As suggested in the 1984-85 proposed budget, the city plans to attack the following improvements: drainage, including the debt service on the Caddell Drain; continued architectural drawings for the police building, sidewalks, 12 Mile Road improvements, equipment purchases including data processing units for city hall and work on athletic fields, a payment on the Spicer property and initial development of the proposed park.

IN AN ELECTION with a low voter turnout, Farmington Township voters approved a proposition giving the township the right to levy an additional \$2 per \$1,000 in taxes on the assessed valuation property. The extra money was to be used for additional police and fire protection in the county. The proposal passed by 98 votes, 693-525.

THE FARMINGTON Bike Shop on Orchard Lake Road advertised a Hollist "English lightweight bicycle for \$48.95. The bike came in "flamboyant" red, black or blue.

USDA CHOICE "aged beef" chuck steak was marketed at 89 cents a pound at Conroy's Super Market, 23534 Farmington Road.

FARMINGTON City Police Chief Maurice Folts issued a warning to motorists that speeds are being electrically timed on city streets. Speeders will be ticketed, he added.

MAY 16, 1974 — FARMINGTON HILLS began a special census of homeowners recently. The house-to-house survey, which was to continue throughout May, was for the purpose of checking the city's population. City officials have said that they believe the last official census was a low estimate. The Hills census takers were identified with special state credentials.

FARMINGTON HILLS City Council approved a \$40,000 program to control dust on unpaved roads in the city this summer. Four applications of a chloride substance were planned.

SOME 12 FARMINGTON High batters went to the plate in the 11th inning and the Falcons scored six runs in the frame to overcome Walled Lake Central, 10-4, in an Inter-Lakes League baseball game. In another prep baseball game, Livonia Churchill pitcher Kevin Nelson shut out Farmington Harrison on four hits in a 4-0 victory in the Western Six League.

## Parade set to go



Capt. Robert Lekovich

Farmington's Memorial Day parade will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28 with memorial services following at the Veterans Monument at Oakland and Grand River. Parade chairman will be Cy Simonson.

Honored guests for the Memorial Day function will be Capt. Robert E. Lekovich, USNH, state Sen. Jack Paxon, various state and local officials, along with Farmington community veterans organizations and representatives from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Lekovich holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan and has been a counselor in Farmington Public Schools since 1964. He and his wife have been residents of Farmington since 1959 and have six children.

His military career began in 1956 when he was a commissioned ensign at Officer Candidate School in 1956. He then served four years of active duty on board the U.S.S. Vesole DDR-878 as Weapons Officer.

Lekovich has been affiliated with the Naval Reserve in the Detroit area since 1950, and has held several command positions. He was a teacher with Clarenceville Public Schools prior to his present position with the Farmington system.

Units that would like to march in the parade or need information, may call Simonson at 548-9124. The parade will open up at 9 a.m. and start at 10 a.m.

## memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life in the Farmington community from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

MAY 18, 1944 —

"THE BOYS and girls of the Senior class are apt to be guilty of some mighty queer conduct in the next few weeks," said an item in the Around the Block column on the front page of the Farmington Enterprise, "but they can not be blamed for that, what with the whirl of activity, the period for examinations, and all the last-minute-to-do. The Seniors have been a group to be proud of, and we'll miss seeing their familiar faces about town next year, but we'll bet the Juniors will be able to step right in and make a nice little accounting for themselves."

A CALAMITY was narrowly avoided this week, when an observing passerby happened to notice that the Poppy Day poster was upside down," said another Around the Block item. "Think of the furor that would have been created had this not been discovered and corrected before half the population was standing on its head to see what was going on."

"Yes, sub!" exclaimed the Michigan Mirror column. "You should be glad to live in Michigan."

"Influx of many Southerners into Michigan during the current World War II industrial boom is a social movement that is bound to aggravate our post-war problems. It also should re-awaken in Michigan natives a greater appreciation of their own state."

"Too often we take for granted the things that are highly alluring to outsiders."

SHORT ITEM: "Before the war enough wire hangers were made in this country each year to encircle the earth 160 times."

MAY 20, 1954 —

A RECORD \$238,099 budget for the fiscal year 1954-55 was adopted by the Farmington City Council May 17 at a lengthy regular meeting at the municipal building. Council also approved a motion that the city tax rate be set at \$17 per thousand assessed valuation, the same as last year.

DICK GRIMSHAW and Dennis Mahaney were to represent Farmington High School in the state Class B track finals in Lansing on May 22. Grimshaw qualified by running the quarter mile in 3:22 — a Falcon record — in a recent regional meet. Mahaney qualified with a 10-foot-4 effort in the pole vault in the same meet.

"NOW YOU CAN have double coverage for polo and the 9 dreaded diseases," read an advertisement for Cotton and Rosenkrans Insurance Agency, 23908 Floral Ave., Farmington.

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