

# \$1 Million Ice Rink Proposed

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recreation building. As for an ice rink facility, he claimed, it would be second to Olympia in size in the metropolitan Detroit area.

THE ARENA COULD house a Junior A hockey team, Richardson continued, which would generate a following of 3,000 spectators per week.

Richardson said the Detroit Red Wings are interested in sponsoring a Junior A team and might be interested in a suburban rink since many of their players now live in the suburbs.

"Without procuring the land at no cost from the school district, this facility could not pay its own way," Richardson said.

John Allen mentioned that teen recreation facilities are lacking in the city and the arena would fill the void for teens and young adults. "It would be a big thing."

"The city has not yet decided it can afford to go ahead with this project," stressed Mayor Wilber Brotherton. "It must pay its own way. But it's an exciting plan and certainly worth pursuing further."

The committee has been investigating the possibility of an ice rink for several months. Brotherton described Monday's disclosure as an "unveiling" of plans to "seek the community's feelings."

THE COMMITTEE HOPES that, if the project is approved, the arena will be ready for use by September 1971.

Dinan cautions, however, that it would take six months to appoint a building authority, adopt a bond resolution and obtain approval from the Municipal Finance Commission.

The council voted 4-0 Monday night, with Fred Siebert absent, to refer the proposal back to its committee to make a formal presentation to the school board Aug. 10.

## County Airport Still An Issue

Expansion of the Oakland-Orian airport, grounded four years because of lack of funds, ran into more stormy weather at the Thursday, July 16, meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, when some members accused the Airport Committee of "covering-up and hiding" the facts from taxpayers.

The prime issue in the Aug. 4 primary election will be where priorities in county government spending will be set, said Commissioner Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield). The county has limited funds and this program continues to usurp other areas. It's only fair for the people to know their representative's position on this issue.

A \$250,000 appropriation for the proposed airport was approved by commissioners last year, with \$25,000 earmarked for engineering reports.

The question is if commissioners will approve a small county airport, a sophisticated jet-port, or none at all.

ESTIMATES range all the way from \$8 million to \$100 million for the proposed facility. Initial cost of excavation and removal of Detroit Edison Co. lines from the hilly terrain at 1-75 and Lapeer Rd. is estimated at between \$5 million and \$10 million.

Pernick says that in a survey of his area, 60 per cent of residents felt the proposed expansion was not necessary, in view of other vital needs.

"What are we hiding and what are we covering up?" asked Lee Walker (D-Madison Heights) Thursday. "We're obligated to open up the books and tell all the people what's going on, so we won't be accused of keeping this program under wraps."

"This is the biggest spending proposal to ever come before us," said James Brennan (D-Berkley). "We were promised a progress report, and we should have it today."

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DISTRICT CHAMPS — An all-star team from South Farmington Little League's National League won the District 4 title Saturday in Southfield to advance farther than any other Farmington team in Little League playoffs. Players include: (standing, from left) Jim Brown, Dave Duolo, Ken Medelis, Jim Vogl, Bruce Hobermehl,

Svee Chapman, John Carney; (kneeling, from left) Kevin Hickey, Jay Cummings, Danny Marion, Dave Cleland, Dan Sutton, Vince Egedy, Sherman Stenson and Jim Gallagher. Coach Bob Walden and manager Fritz Wenson are standing behind the team.

## Duelo's Perfect Game Wins Honors

Pitcher Dave Duelo of South Farmington National found a perfect game to lead the Farmington team to the District 4 Little League championship.

The South Farmington National League stars beat Southfield American North 1-0 in a game played Saturday at the Southfield Civic Center.

Duelo whipped 16 strikeout pitches past the Southfield team to record his third shut-out in five tournament games.

The South Farmington ace got the only run he needed in the six-inning contest on a sacrifice fly from the bat of Jim Vogl, which scored Dave Cleland from third.

THE TEAM got only two hits in the championship game but turned the two blows into a run. Cleland and Jay Cummings had the safeties.

Cummings pitched the team to two of the five wins in the tournament. Duelo beat Beverly Hills, 5-0, and Southfield American South, 5-0, and

Cummings pitched in a 4-2 win over Novi and a 4-3 victory over South Farmington American.

The Farmington team was scheduled to play the winner of District Five Monday afternoon in further tournament play. The district championship is the farthest any Farmington team has advanced in Little League tournament play.

Coach Bob Walden commented after the championship game that the Southfield team was the toughest opponent the champs faced during the tournament.



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## Arts Council Schedules Full Events Calendar

Looking forward to its first full year of operation, the Farmington Community Arts Council has a full schedule of cultural events planned for Farmington area residents.

Events and projects planned include publication of a community arts calendar, a special evening school course in cooperation with Farmington schools called "Exposure to the Arts," sponsorship for the second year of the cultural series, "New Frontiers in the Arts," and the beginnings of a Community United Fund for Arts activities.

"New Frontiers in the Arts" will be a series of four presentations and one exhibit to be presented tentatively in co-sponsorship with the Farmington Community Center.

Tentatively scheduled for this are Dan Gerber, poet and race driver, on Oct. 16; jazz harpist Dorothy Ashby on Nov. 20; an Afro art (African art) exhibit in January; light-music-theatre show on March 19; and dramatist Alfred Eric Street on April 16.

THE ARTS COUNCIL will take the initial steps this year to establish itself as a charitable foundation for the purpose of supporting many community arts activities in the future. Spokesmen for the council say they believe a united approach to fund-raising for these activities may avoid the problems many communities are facing after the fact — the activity grows as the community grows, but the supporting resources do not keep step.

Newly-elected officers of the arts council include Bill Har-

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