

Painting of landmark donated to the city

Oil work to hang in city hall

Longtime resident Johannes Emig has donated a picture he painted of the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Road to the city of Farmington.

The oil on canvas painting of the historic building will be displayed permanently in the Farmington City Hall on Liberty Street.

Recent streetscape improvements and facade renovations in downtown Farmington inspired Emig's artistic endeavor.

"I saw all the improvements and what you people did in Farmington — the sidewalks, the flower beds, the nice streets.

"I thought maybe it'd be a nice gesture to say, 'City, thank you. I appreciate where I am living,'" said Emig, who retired in 1955 from Ford Motor Co.

Working as an engineer helped fuel his creative spirit.

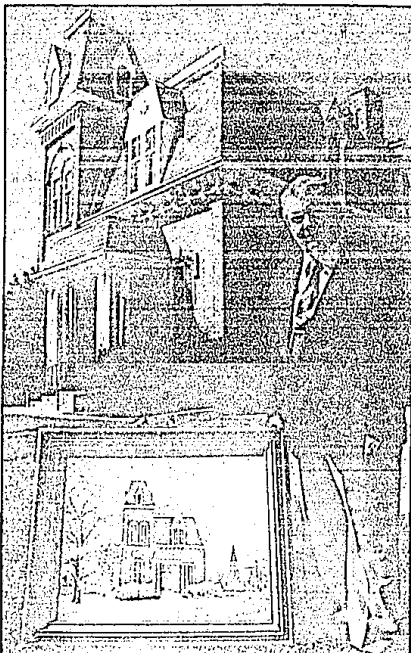
"One supports the other," he said.

Painting since his father gave him a watercolor set at age five, the native of Germany said he "saw the historic value of the Masonic Temple and thought it would be a good idea to put it down on canvas."

IN ACCEPTING the painting Aug. 21, city manager Robert Deadman said Emig, a councilman in his native Germany after World War II, "understands a bit about what it takes to make decisions about small government."

"He was commiserating just a bit with me about all the problems he had gone through in the 1950s, as those of us know what happened in World War II and what was left of many of the small German communities," Deadman said.

A Farmington resident for 15



Johannes Emig stands in front of the Masonic Temple in downtown Farmington with the picture he painted of the historic structure. Last week, the German native donated the painting to the city.

years, Emig said the city "reminds him of his home" in Weidenheim, West Germany. He has been a U.S. citizen for 31 years.

The Masonic Temple, at Grand

River and Farmington Road, is the former Farmington Township Hall and Farmington City Hall. The building dates back more than 100 years.

Gynecologist investigated

By Amy Rauch
staff writer

A Farmington Hills gynecologist is under investigation by the state attorney general's office after eight Medicaid patients complained about being overcharged, according to news reports.

Armed with a search warrant, investigators from the State Attorney General Health Care Fraud Division seized medical records Tuesday morning at the Western Women's Center, 23700 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Investigators, assisted by Farmington Hills police, removed several boxes of medical records from the office of Dr. Jacob Kalo.

No charges have been filed, said Chris DeWitt, spokesman for Attorney General Frank Kelley. DeWitt confirmed that the clinic is under investigation but would not specify why. It is located in a medical building south of 10 Mile.

"There's no reason for me to clear my name. I have not been charged with anything," Kalo said. "The whole thing is completely ridiculous."

I've seen thousands of Medicaid patients over many years. I have thousands of witnesses."

The amount of money involved is less than \$500, Kalo said. He said he has made refunds to four of the women and has been unable to contact the other four. The mixup is a result of a question of whether Medicaid would pay for the medical services rendered, he said.

"We weren't sure if they should be charged," said Kalo, who has spent six of his nine years of private practice at Western Women's Center.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

2 NABBED

Farmington Hills police Tuesday sought felony warrants against two Southfield teenagers in connection with the break-in of three cars parked in industrial lots along Crestview Court at 2:40 a.m. Tuesday.

Stolen were in-dash radios each valued at \$200, detective Brian DeGrande said.

Undercover officers arrested the suspects after watching a car cruise the parking lots along Crestview Court and the two occupants get out and break into three cars.

As they shined a flashlight into a fourth car, the two saw a man who turned out to be an undercover officer.

The two left the area quickly in their car but were stopped by uniformed officers at Crestview Court and Grand River. Three radios believed stolen moments before were found in their car, DeGrande said.

HOUSE FIRE

No one was hurt in an afternoon house fire Saturday on the 24100 block of St. Mary Court in Farmington.

Damage in the accidental fire was estimated at \$40,000, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The homeowner was using a hand plumbing torch on copper piping in the upstairs at 4 p.m. when the pipes radiated heat and ignited attic insulation.

Firefighters broke a hole in the roof for ventilation. The fire was under control within 10 minutes.

Flame damage was confined to the attic but smoke filled the second floor, Commander Michael Wiggins said.

TRAFFIC FIGHT

Two men were hurt when a fist fight broke out after a traffic altercation at a red light at Grand River and Haggerty at 1:40 p.m. Saturday.

A 34-year-old Dearborn Heights man suffered a broken nose, facial cuts and leg scrapes. A 24-year-old Farmington Hills man suffered a forearm cut and a lip cut.

The traffic altercation originally began on the exit ramp from M-102 to westbound Grand River, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

OPEN BEER

A 36-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle when a can of open beer was found in his car during a traffic stop at Astor and Orchard Lake Road Sunday, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

A homeowner on Kendallwood found a Molotov cocktail on his front lawn Thursday. The explosive — a bottle with paint thinner and a burnt cloth — failed to detonate, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

MONEY STOLEN

More than \$200 was stolen when a wallet was taken from a shopping cart near the produce display at

Great Scott, 29555 Orchard Lake, Saturday.

The shopper had walked about 15 feet away to another display when the theft occurred, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

BEER SEIZED

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for possessing beer in the parking lot at Taco Bell, 28825 Orchard Lake, Sunday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

WINDOW DAMAGE

Damage was estimated at \$400 when a billy club was used to punch a hole in the window of the Five Brothers Party Store, 29010 Eight Mile, Aug. 27, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

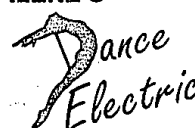
THEFTS REPORTED

A range and a microwave oven valued at \$1,400 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Tana Hill, Farmington Hills, Aug. 24-25.

A printer valued at \$1,700 was reported stolen from Amoritech, 34115 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, Aug. 24-25.

A color TV, a 35 mm camera and a color camera valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from Summit Apartments, Farmington Hills, Aug. 25-26.

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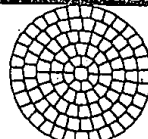
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