

Who'll Pay Police Bills?

Farmington Calendar

By EMORY DANIELS
Farmington Township has forwarded a resolution to Oakland County asking the Board of Commissioners to pay legal expenses for three township patrolmen accused of crimes but acquitted.

The resolution, passed at the last board meeting, asks the county to pay the attorney fees because the township has received a legal opinion it could not legally pay for the defense of a criminal charge.

The officers who were charged by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office

and then acquitted were Patrolman John Hedrick, Cpt. Thomas Godwin and former patrolman William Sonnenberg Jr.

Godwin and Sonnenberg were charged with second degree murder and those charges were dropped in pre-trial examination. Hedrick was bound over to trial on an assault and battery charge and found innocent in Southfield District Court.

INTRODUCING the resolution asking the county to pay County Prosecutor's Office legal expenses for the three

officers was Trustee Earl Oppert. He explained that the prosecutor recommended warrants against the three township officers.

The charges resulted in a great deal of personal expense for the three men, Oppert said, adding that the bill submitted by the county was \$10,000, which is more than a year's pay for that individual.

The officers must pay lawyers' bills for the charges, Oppert said, yet Oakland County expects large sums of money for legal counsel for the poor.

THE COST should be borne by Oakland County, he continued, because the county initiated the proceedings. The resolution also asks the county to establish a policy to cover future incidents of the same kind.

Oppert said he feels that when an officer is charged with a crime but acquitted, the judge hearing the case should set the legal fee for the defense attorney and the cost should be picked up by the county.

"If a police officer acting reasonably in the line of duty is charged with a crime," Oppert said, "he should be given benefit of the taxpayer's dollar to protect his personal well-being for the expense forced upon him."

"It is a shame that we give money for the prosecutor to prosecute crime and then spend money to defend innocent persons justly accused and subsequently convicted, but we fail to spend one dime to defend police officers of an alleged crime performed in the line of duty."

"I don't feel a police officer should be destitute before he can receive public funds for his defense. It is unjust to ask them to spend their own personal funds and go in debt when they are acquitted of the charge or the charge is

dismissed at examination level."

Oppert explained that when a charge is dismissed at a pre-trial examination it means there was not sufficient evidence to proceed to trial.

SUPERVISOR Earl Teeple agreed with the resolution but added that police officers do have sufficient legal assistance.

Teeple pointed out Godwin and Sonnenberg refused, on advice of their attorneys, to make statements to the prosecutor even though police reports are privileged information and cannot be used against them in court.

Teeple said the two officers were advised by the prosecutor, township attorney, and the police legal liaison officer that statements should be made but the advice was not followed before the two murder warrants were issued.

"All of these legal advisors advised them what to do but they did not do it," Teeple added.

TREASURER Thomas Nolan commented that an accused person has the right to hire his own attorney.

Trustee Fred Lichtman said an officer is entitled to counsel and if he cannot afford it the court can appoint an attorney.

"If Oakland County and state funds are used to defend any accused person, then let's not discriminate against police officers."

Players Lose
Loyal Member

The Farmington Players theatrical group lost a staunch behind-the-scenes helper in the sudden death Jan. 26 of Mrs. Alberta W. Millon, of 2641 Westmoreland Dr., Farmington Township.

A resident for the past 25 years, Mrs. Mullin and her husband, George, were associated with the theatrical group almost from its inception. In the last few years they handled ticket sales for all the productions.

Mrs. Mullin's unexpected death came the day after she celebrated her 63rd birthday.

BESIDES THE Players, Mrs. Mullin was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service and was a member of the church choir.

She was also a member of the Monette Club of Detroit, comprised of graduates of Ohio Wesleyan College.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, George A., of Franklin, Ohio, and John P., of Knoxville, Ky.; three grandchildren; three sisters and a brother.

SERVICES AT 1 p.m. at the Thayer Funeral Home were followed by interment in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. T. Rev. Hugh C. White officiated.

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KENNETH HILL BENEFIT

Sunday, Jan. 31, from 2-9 p.m. a benefit country-western music show will be held in Clarkson High School auditorium in Clarkson for the family of Kenneth Hill of Farmington. Ken, who died Jan. 17, had played bass guitar in his father's (Erol's) country-western band. Featured in the show will be some of the top area country-western singers who have donated their time for the benefit performance. All proceeds will go to the Erol Hill family. Tickets of \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children will be sold at the door.

FLUORIDE TO HIGHMEADOW

Monday, Feb. 1, the fluoride program will move to Highmeadow Elementary School. With parental permission, students receive a series of four topical applications for a \$6 fee.

MOTHERS OF TWINS

Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. the Birmingham-Bloomfield Mothers of Twins Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Earl J. Ishbia at 4039 White Birch Dr., Orchard Lake. Group discussions will be held on the problems of multiple births.

MIDDLE BELT PTA PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 5-7 p.m. the Middle Belt Elementary PTA will hold its annual pancake supper in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.50 per family, \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.

AREA PTA COUNCIL

Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Area Council of PTAs will meet in the library in Farmington Junior High School. The financial effects of recent legislation and developments in Lansing on the Farmington School District will be discussed.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p.m. the Farmington Woman's Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Carl Shaw at 2181 Valleyview, Farmington. Mrs. Gladys Hogan will show colored slides of her recent trip to Brazil.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

A six-week Bible study series, "Ten Steps to Christian Maturity," will begin Feb. 4 and be held every successive Thursday from 1:15-2:15 p.m. in the Antioch Lutheran Church at 13 Mile and Farmington Road. Directed by Mrs. Harold McDonald, the series is open to members of all denominations. Nursery is provided. For information, call Mrs. John Neitzel at 476-7376.

EARTH ALIVE

Friday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Farmington's new environmental action group, Earth Alive, will meet for an open house in the home of Nancy Sheehan at 2730 Parkhill Dr., Farmington, to discuss ways individuals and groups can cut pollution. Lists suggesting things to be done will be distributed and anybody who cares about his environment is invited to bring his throwaway glass and old newspapers.

ST. FABIAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:45 p.m. the St. Fabian Women's Council will meet in the social hall of St. Fabian Catholic Church at 8:30 p.m. The Panel of American Women will speak on the effect of prejudice in their own lives and in the lives of their children.

SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER

Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Senior Drop-In Center of Farmington will sponsor a free bus trip to the Shrine Circus.

GOLD & BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Wednesday, Feb. 10, at noon the Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers of America, Farmington Chapter 48, will hold a luncheon and card party in the Farmington Community Center. The public is invited.

DISNEY ON PARADE

Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. a benefit performance of Disney on Parade will be given in the Olympia stadium. Proceeds will go to Community Living Centers, Inc., which is a group promoting and establishing homes for the moderately retarded adult. It is being sponsored by the Oakland County Assn. for Retarded Children.

FAHC MEETING

Monday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Association for Handicapped Children, Inc., will meet in East Junior High School at 2500 Middle Belt, Farmington. Ted Cunio, director of special education for Farmington Schools, will speak on "Drug Abuse - The Handicapped Child." Marvin Beekman, director of special education for the State Department of Education, will speak on "Legislation Concerning Education of the Handicapped Child."

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