

Lansing Report

By Raymond L. Baker

In the last minutes of the session, the House and Senate finally agreed on a record-setting \$204 million general fund budget for the fiscal year 1965-66 which began July 1.

This is about \$32 million more than recommended by Governor Romney and \$15 million more than was appropriated for the last fiscal year.

The total impact of these increases is subject to future decisions. Nevertheless, it is relatively clear that the state will be set by the current fiscal year without going into debt, in the long run, however, this spending trend will put the state into the red, barring some tax action this year, it is expected that the state will be in a deficit position beginning July 1, 1967.

Major party leaders have indicated that, when the session reconvenes in the Fall, the revenue side of the picture will be given more serious consideration. Up to this point they have rebuffed all of our efforts to ward long range fiscal integrity.

One responsible move was the dropping off of some \$40 million in anticipated expenditures. This could be interpreted as short range fiscal integrity in that it insures solvency for at least another year. On the other hand, it may just provide another excuse for not making tax reform in the Fall.

The largest increase in the new budget is contained in the school aid appropriation. State

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Dems Ask VIP Volunteer Help

The Oakland County Democratic Party has launched a big push to bring its Voter Identification (VIP) up to date. This system, which the Democrats credit with gaining thousands of Democratic votes in last November's election, is said to be in need of updating to keep track of those many families that have just moved into the County.

County Headquarters, at 17 Water Street, Pontiac, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday night. Those interested in helping can also call Lou Beer, at FE 4-0971.

Improve Signs

There are 650 traffic signs in the City of Farmington, and, according to City Manager John Pina, about 27 per cent of them are in repair for one reason or another. The city is about to begin a concentrated effort to bring them up to standard.

Appoint Hamlin

Delos Hamlin has been reappointed to continue on the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals for another term.

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BETTY JEAN RAYMOND, left, of 21429 Averhill, Farmington, is about to have her picture taken, for her driver's license records, at the Farmington City Police Dept. On the right is Desk Clerk Dorothy Ugrin. The camera is an Oxberry 100 Photorecorder. It photographs in color. It was put there by the State as part of its program of consolidating licensing stations. Many licensing stations have been eliminated and the Farmington Police Dept. is one of only 15 that remain in Oakland County.

Farmington, Socially Speaking

GR 6-7025 Jerry Weidert

OPENING NIGHT at the Meadowbrook Music Festival was a memorable experience.

The evening was ideal from every standpoint. Thousands sat on the grassy slopes which were covered with a profusion of groves of trees. A ring of baskets filled with scarlet geraniums lined the paths, lanterns were literally held spellbound as the musicians played excerpts from Beethoven, Mozart, Prokofiev, and others.

Bessie, Isaac Stern, great violinist, is internationally known and of him it has been said, "He belongs to that great company of virtuosos among whose names legends have grown in the course of history."

At the end of the evening gave a standing ovation to the performers who had given them an outstanding musical evening.

SURPRISE APPEARANCE of the evening was the governor and Michigan's First Lady. Due to their crowded schedule it was uncertain if they could manage to find time to attend the event but they did, and obviously enjoyed the music along with the rest of the audience. Lenore Romney, incidentally looked marvelous.

She has a most becoming new hair-do, short cut and curly. Her deep tan was set off by a Kelly green suit, trimmed in white.

RICHARD AND SHEILA Sieghaus of 34150 Cortland, Farmington are having an exciting vacation. Their grandmothers, Mrs. David S. Ellis of 23850 Gill Rd. is taking them to Ireland but Mrs. Ellis will also visit France and Spain before returning home. Her daughter, Mrs. Fred Sieghaus of 23850 Gill Rd. and her son, Thomas Ellis of Dearborn are flying over to meet Mrs. Ellis and make the return trip back to this country with her. The best part of their trip is that her son and daughters arrive will be a complete surprise to Mrs. Ellis.

ROSE SCHLEWSKI, active club woman has returned from a convention of the Daughters of Isabella held in Marquette, Dorothy Hostetter accompanied her. The convention was held at Northern Michigan University. Representatives from all over the State of Michigan convened there and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. On their arrival home, Rose and Dorothy joined the Walter Pormans of Livonia and spent the Fourth of July weekend at the home of the Roger Males in Carleton, Canada.

KATHLEEN HARRIS who will marry Glen Rickabaugh on Sept. 18 has already selected her attendants. Her sisters, Patty, Mary and Linda will be her attendants. Glen's sister, Lois will arrive from Todd, Pa. to be a bridesmaid. It will be a big Air Force wedding as Kathleen is employed by Eastern Air Lines and Glen by American Airlines. Kathleen will be honored with one shower in New York, Marie Sullivan and Poylis Miles of New York.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS History proves that men are rewarded for what they give to the world—not what they take.

Dinan Asks -Annexation Is Topic of Dems For Radar

The Farmington City Council is taking under advisement the recommendation of City Manager John Dinan and Police Chief Maurice Foltz that it purchase radar equipment to control the dangerous situation in the area around the Powers, Shawnee and Farmington Avenues. According to the City Manager, the present traffic time is a very cumbersome object to erect and requires additional manpower to operate to a degree that one shift would be short-handed on normal patrol if this equipment were in use. He and Police Chief Foltz are much more flexible to set up. It requires only one person to operate it, and is more accurate than electronic radar.

The radar equipment would cost about \$1,200. Dinan suggests that it could be paid for out of the 1965-66 Contingent Fund.

He pointed out that radar "is presently being used in the majority of cities in metropolitan Detroit area."

School Signs To Be Bigger
The Farmington City Council has approved the recommendation of the Public Schools Safety Committee, with regard to the crossing problem at Prospect and Shawnee Roads.

This was that the City replace the small discolored stop signs with larger signs with more contrasting color to attract the attention of strangers driving on Shawnee and Prospect Roads. The City will install these before school starts.

Based on the Safety Committee study, involving public school children crossing at Prospect and Shawnee, on June 16, there were no problems. Our Lady of Sorrows, however, had closed for the year; as of that date, so this was not a true criteria of the conditions that would exist if both schools were in session. The City will conduct its own survey in session.

Girl Scout Notes

By AMEY CHARRON
Hi Everyone!
I've been told that Candy Slagle, 14 year old daughter of our troop organizer for Alameda School, Virginia Slagle, tried to go through a glass door the hard way. She needed many stitches, but happily none in her face. Get well soon Candy.

This is the first news of Brownie Troop 527. They are 16 girls, who will meet at Alameda School, under the leadership of Ann Leach. They will keep busy learning crafts, and outdoor cooking. Mrs. Bondy showed them how to make swans and fish. And Mrs. Leach helped them make hot plates out of mosaic tile.

Girls who recently flew are Janice Allen, Karen Boggs, Kim Bondy, Lynne Bondy, Janeen Ellis, Jody Hayes, Marie Laszlo, Toni Nichols, Krista Reynolds, and Cheryl Scott. The third graders for next year will be Kim Devroy, Christian Dwyer, Kim Hayes, Linda King, Lynn Lower, and Linda Evans.

Goodbye to all of you till next week.

Two Charged With Assault

Two men, a Twin Pines Milk driver and his friend, have been charged with assaulting William Flyler, of 22109 Tull Street, in Farmington Township. They are Gordon White-man of 2908 Helmsford, in Wall Lake, and Doyle S. Schwab, of 17004 Log Cabin, in Highland Park.

They were arrested by Township Detective Russell Conway. Both stood mute at their arraignment.

Allegedly, Flyler was knocked to the ground, and then kicked, after a traffic disagreement, on Monday, June 28. He was not hurt.

City Gets Bids On A Tractor

The City of Farmington has sent out for bids on a new 1965-66 Water and Sewer Work. It will be used for work on the city's water and sewer systems. The present tractor and front end loader will be used for loading and unloading soil.

Jaycees Plan For Bar BQ

The Farmington Jaycees are making final plans for their annual Chicken Bar-B-Que at Farmington City Park.

Among those directing the effort are Project Chairman John Rowe and John Richardson; Cooking and Food, Noel Kurth; Tickets, Chuck Williams; Publicity, Art Hill; Special Arrangements, Ralph Tarrin; Serving, Brian Lawrence; Seating, Jess Newell; Parking, Boyd Baker; Equipment, Dick Turpe; and Cleanup, Ed Miron.

Last year's barbecue was a sell-out, so the Jaycees urge you to get your tickets early. The cost of tickets is \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children; The Little League members will also be selling tickets.

The Jaycee coupon which will be found in the Board of Commerce coupon book will be valid for those who purchase their tickets in advance. At that time they will receive the refund due them, which is shown on the coupon.

19th C.D. Dems Planning Picnic

The 19th Congressional District Democratic Party is holding its first annual picnic on Sunday, August 1, at Kensington Park. For information, call Ron Mardinos, at GA 5-0282.

Township Man Convicted Thief

John R. Ardito, of 21425 Ontario, in Farmington Township, has been convicted on a simple larceny of the township set from the Rainbow Park Motel, on Grand River in the Township, and sentenced to 30 days in the Oakland County Jail plus 18 months probation. He was arrested by Township Detective Russell Conway, on Saturday, July 10, and is said to have admitted several \$5 and \$10 bills in the Farmington area.

In San Diego

Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, and Curt Hall, Farmington Township Supervisor, have been in San Diego since Thursday, July 8, and will return on Monday, July 19. They are attending a meeting of the National Association of County Officials.

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