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Human Relations Commission in Far Distant Future

The formation of a bilateral City-Township Human Rights Commission seems to be a distant goal following a meeting last week between the Farmington Township Board, the Farmington City Council, the Farmington Board of Education, the Clarenceville Board of Education and the Farmington Human Relations Council.

Those in attendance included: Farmington City Mayor Wilbur Brotherton; Farmington Councilmen John A. Allen and Ralph Yoder; Farmington Township Treasurer Elsie Avery; and Farmington Board of Education Secretary Barbara Ann Brown.

No member of the Clarenceville Board of Education attended because of a special meeting of that body. However, the Clarenceville Board had earlier expressed its interest in forming such a commission and Superintendent of Schools Louis Schmidt and one board member had indicated that they would attend the meeting at the Farmington High School.

Mrs. Avery attended the session as an "observer" following the issuance of Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan's opinion

that "it would clearly be improper for a township to delegate authority to a group, the majority whose members would be appointed by outside bodies or organizations and over which the township would virtually have no control."

The proposal outlined for the commission in a letter to each of the four governing bodies stated that the commission would be composed of 13 members.

Two of these would be appointed by the Farmington Township Board, the Farmington City Council, the Farmington Clergy Fellowship and the Service Clubs.

Each of the following would name one member, according to the proposal, the Farmington Board of Education, the Clarenceville Board of Education, the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Farmington Board of Commerce and the high school students councils of the five high schools in the area.

Brennan's opinion, which was sent to the members of the Township Board Dec. 1 (the day before the meeting) pointed out that the Attorney General "has ruled that the Civil Rights Commission has plenary power within its sphere of authority. Plenary authority is full, entire, complete and un-

abridged. (Black's Legal Dictionary) Plenary authority connotes exclusive authority; it is the opposite of limited authority."

Brennan further states that the Attorney General has ruled that municipalities have no power to enact ordinances relating to the declaration and protection of civil rights.

"The Constitution, Article XVI, Section 17," the opinion continues, "provides that an organized township shall have the powers provided by law. Regardless of the powers a city might possess which might support the Attorney General's Opinion, it is clear that the Legislature has delegated no authority which would permit a Township to establish the type of commission or council proposed."

Brennan then offers the opinion quoted above about the authority of the Township to delegate authority to a group which is not responsible to the Township Board.

In conclusion the opinion states that "in view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that the Township is without authority to participate officially in the proposed Human Relations Council. This is not to say that the township government should ignore the civil rights of its citizens. Within its area of

authority it has the obligation to provide its services and enforce its ordinances and the laws of the State—without regard to race, creed or color."

"I believe that this has been the oft expressed position of the Township Board."

Robert M. Leidein, chairman of the Human Relations Council, told The Observer that the consensus of the meeting was the decision to request "private" meetings with each of the four bodies to discuss the proposal further.

Leidein said that these meetings would probably take place after the first of the year.

If formed the Commission would meet monthly and, according to the proposal, have jurisdiction to:

- Examine and recommend solutions to the problems of the socially and economically deprived and minority groups;
- Act as a Counseling Conciliation and Mediation Board for complaints and problems;
- Sponsor general educational programs throughout the schools and the general community; and
- Maintain close cooperation with Public Safety Departments and the local retailers.



The "OLD" NEWSBOYS will take to the streets this Friday to sell the annual Goodfellow edition, spearheading the sales to Bob Hall of the Farmington Exchange Club, Funds raised from the sale will go toward this year's Goodfellow drive. Last year approximately 150 families in the area were assisted by the Goodfellows who distributed Christmas baskets of toys, clothing and food. General chairman of this year's drive is Dr. John Richardson.

Council Begins Study of Burning Ordinance

City Manager John Dinan brought the "outline" and "highlights" of a proposed air pollution ordinance to the City Council asking for guidelines Monday night, but the Council members stated that they wanted to study the proposal and table the matter to its Dec. 20 meeting.

However, the Council did tell Dinan to go ahead and send a copy of the ordinance specifications to the commercial and industrial establishments in the City and to arrange with one or two reputable incinerators to make a survey of the incinerator needs of the area.

In a lengthy discussion of the matter Dinan explained the various types of refuse and the specifications for incinerators to be used.

He pointed out that for many commercial and industrial concerns a survey would be required to determine the type of incinerator needed.

Dinan cited three points in Livonia's ordinance which he said would apply to Farmington. The points were:

- A measurement of the visible emissions of smoke;
- Prohibition of open burning, that is, burning outside rather than in an incinerator; and
- Regulation of hard fired fuel burning equipment.

Under the proposed ordinance, Dinan said, firms would have to apply for an incinerator permit and set up the ground rules for the use of the incinerator at that time.

City Attorney Robert Kelley said that he thought the City could prohibit open burning, but was not so sure about requiring incinerators.

Dinan answered that the end result would be the same. Either the firm would have to provide incinerators or make arrangements to have the rubbish carted away once the ordinance prohibiting open burning is passed.

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Senior Citizens May Qualify for Exemption

Senior Citizens who qualify for the tax exemption act of 1965 may now pick up the qualifying forms at the City Assessor's office in City Hall and may apply at the Township Hall after Jan. 1.

In order to qualify for the property tax exemption to \$2,500 of the State equalized valuation it is necessary:

- To be 65 years of age or over and a resident of the State for at least seven consecutive years;
- The ownership of all real property does not exceed \$10,000 of State equalized valuation. This includes the total amount for all real property held in the state.
- The combined gross income of the property owners does not exceed \$5,000 annually.

Under the law the applications may not be turned in until after Jan. 1, 1966. City Manager John Dinan said that the forms may be obtained at the City Hall and returned after the first of the year.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall said the forms will be processed for Township residents at the Township Hall. Applications will be taken there from Jan. 1 until Feb. 28.

"Those senior citizens who qualify will receive the tax exemption for the 1966 tax year."

Goodfellows Set Dec. 15 as Deadline

The deadline for alerting the Goodfellows to needy families in the Farmington area has been set for Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Goodfellows Chairman A. John Richardson said that while the baskets will be distributed Dec. 20, 21 and 22 the deadline for accepting names was necessary so that the Goodfellows could determine the need and requirements of the families. The Jaycees will interview the families.

If you know of a family which needs Goodfellow assistance, call 474-9960 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



JOYCE GAGNON of the Farmington City Hall staff examines some of the dolls prepared for the Goodfellows. Mrs. Gagnon's Junior Girl Scout Troop #750 were among the many groups dressing dolls for this year's Goodfellows Drive.

Center Purchases Otis Land

Slightly more than three acres just east of the present Downtown Farmington Shopping Center has been purchased by the Farmington Center Corp. The purchase price was not released.

Conrad Sullivan, president of the corporation, told The Observer that no plans for additional retail outlets had been finalized for the use of the land.

The parcel, which includes the Otis gas station at Grand River and Grove, fronts on Grand River and is bounded by Grove St. on the west.

Also included in the parcel are the former Bob Dusseau auto dealership building and a doctor's and dentist's office plus some storage buildings. Vacant land areas to the south of Grand River is also part of the parcel which totals 3½ acres.

City Council Tables Flood Plains Rezoning

The Farmington City Council postponed a decision on the rezoning of 61 acres in the flood plains area to permit construction of an apartment building Monday night until its next meeting Dec. 20.

Action to table the matter was by a unanimous vote. All the members of the Council were present at the meeting. Mayor Wilbur Brotherton said that he wanted to see the engineer's report and would like to explore the area of federal grants for parks and open space before making a final decision on the matter.

City Manager John Dinan reported that the engineer's report would be available at the next meeting and that the parks committee of the Planning Commission had been working on an overall plan for the city.

"It will be in a position by the next meeting to bring the Council up to date on the park proposition and what we have been doing," Dinan said.

Dinan added that the Parks Committee had been studying the federal proposal since October, but pointed out that matching funds were needed for the federal grants.

Deadline Extended

The Farmington City Council waived the penalty for late payments prior to Feb. 15 at its meeting Monday night. The county and school tax rate in the City this year is \$44.58 per thousand.

The Ladies Dress Goodfellow Dolls

To every little girl Christmas just isn't complete without a doll.

If you don't believe that just watch the eyes of the small staff members of the family light up on Christmas morning when they see the doll sitting under the tree.

Because of this an essential ingredient each year in the Goodfellow Drive is to see that no child is without a Christmas is the project of dressing dolls for distribution.

More than 150 Goodfellows dolls, the results of all this hard work, are presently on display at the First Farmington Savings and the National Bank of Detroit.

The staff at City Hall, girl scouts, the Vivians, Town Club,

Center To Light City Tree

The Christmas Tree in front of the Farmington City Hall will be lit next Monday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. by the Farmington Neighborhood Girl Scouts. The scouts range in age from 7 to 17.

A tree donated by Ted Johnson to the City will be the official Christmas tree and will be moved to the front of the building this week if weather permits.

More than 300 girl scouts are expected to help light the tree, decorate it and sing Christmas Carols. Following the close of the ceremonies at City Hall the Scouts will visit the Downtown Center to sing carols. A total of 28 troops are expected to be represented.

Teen Hop To Help Needy

Memo to all Farmington Teens: How would you like to combine a good time with helping a worthy project for the Christmas season?

It sounds unbeatable? Well it is.

Come to the "Toys for Tots" teen hop sponsored by the Farmington Goodfellows on Dec. 11 at the Farmington High School gym. The hours are from 8 to 11 p.m.

That's the good time. Supporting the worthy project comes in the price of admission which has been set at a toy worth \$1. These will be used in the Goodfellow Baskets.

Dress for the hop is semi-formal and the Callettes will provide the music.

Set to Ring in 1966

The LaPaloma Duplicate Bridge Club at 5330 Middlebell has scheduled a New Years Eve Party. Reservations are currently being taken at MA 6-9428.

City Council Donates \$100 to Goodfellows

The Farmington City Council voted Monday night to donate \$100 from the Welfare Account for the Farmington Goodfellows program.

To Close for Holidays

City offices will be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30. The City Council has established the policy of closing the city offices for a half day on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

This year, however, because the holidays fall on Saturday the offices will be closed all day Friday.

SHOPLIFTERS ARRESTED

How To Get Hubby Shopping-Join Force

Wives—do you have trouble getting your husband to take you shopping on Saturday afternoon especially just before the holidays?

Maybe the solution is to have hubby join the police force.

Two Farmington Police men, Chief Maurice Folz and Detective Sergeant William Garden, spent last Saturday afternoon battling the Christmas crowds shopping—all in the line of duty of course.

The two were on the trail of two alleged shoplifters and the afternoon ended with the arrest of the pair in the Farmington Plaza parking lot.

The Farmington Police men talked the pair, Mrs. Sue Ann Green, 29, and Mrs. Marjorie Sanford, 35, from their home at 33750 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia, to the Plaza.

After spending the afternoon observing the women—who separated inside the store and used a "shopdour"—picking up various articles of clothing, the pair were arrested, brought to the station and booked, and arraigned on a charge of larceny criminally.

They pleaded guilty and were freed on \$500 bond each. The felony carries a penalty of four years in prison if convicted.

Chief Folz told The Observer that he spent the afternoon following the women and picked up articles of clothing as he went along. "The only difference," he observed, "was that I put mine down before I left the store."

Farmington Police said that the pair are believed to be part of a shoplifting ring and that the investigation was continuing.

A BIG SAVER FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The Gift Spotter in Classifieds saves many ways. It saves you time, money and energy scrambling from store to store. It also saves confusion and disappointment. You'll enjoy shopping in it today.

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SAFETY AWARDS were presented in the City last week by the Farmington City Police. Patrolman Glenn T. Harding Jr. shows the safety poster to Safety Boy captians, from left, Tom Kempf, 11, 10 Mile School; Greg Steele, 11, Flanders; Randy Bergeron, 13, Our Lady of the Sorrows; Dave Macdonald, 11, Cloverdale; and Paul Spence, 11, 10 Mile School. It was the second consecutive year that the schools have received the perfect safety award.

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15 MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

The finest selection of Gifts are right here in OBSERVER LAND