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## First Meeting Held on Human Rights Commission

Members of the Farmington Human Relations Council met last Thursday evening, Dec. 2, with some of the members of the Farmington City Council, Township Board and Farmington Board of Education to discuss the Council's proposal for the formation of a Human Rights Commission in the community.

Richard Wernette, former mayor of the City of Plymouth, and Father Alfred Renaud, assistant pastor of the Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Plymouth, were guest speakers at the meeting. They outlined the procedures followed in the formation of a Human Rights Commission in the Plymouth community and how it has functioned and is still functioning in that neighboring community.

During the course of rather lengthy discussion it was generally agreed that there was a considerable misunderstanding about the purpose for the formation of the commission and what its function in the community would be.

One conclusion reached was that a detailed outline should

be prepared spelling out clearly what the functions of such a commission as proposed would be. Another was that members of the present Human Relations Council should meet separately with the City Council and Township and School Boards to go over in detail the proposal for forming the Human Rights Commission and clarify all misunderstandings that might presently prevail.

**THE CITY COUNCIL** had the biggest representation at Thursday night's meeting with

## City Working On Burning Controls

City regulations to control air pollution and hazardous waste have been voiced by Farmington Meadows homeowners about alleged detrimental outside burning practices by industrial firms now appearing near being adopted.

City Manager John Dinan gave a detailed report to councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night on a study made by him of Livonia's air pollution ordinance as well as details obtained by him on various incinerator requirements depending on the type of refuse being burned.

**THE GENERAL** consensus of opinion was that the City of

three of the five members of the Council present. They were Mayor Sandy Brotherton and Councilmen John Allen and Ralph Yoder. The only representative from the Township Board was Treasurer Elise Avery and the only Farmington School Board representative, Mrs. Barbara Brown. Because of another meeting already scheduled for the same night, there were no representatives from the Clarenceville School

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## Delay Action On Apts. in Flood Plain

The City Council at its regular meeting Monday night tabled action on its decision to approve or reject requested rezoning that would permit 91 apartment units to be constructed on flood plain land on the north side of Grand River west of Lakeway Street.

Mayor Sandy Brotherton and other councilmen indicated that they still had some questions with regard to the utilization of this approximately 6.1 acre parcel of land and wanted time to get these questions answered. The mayor stated that he wanted to see and have time to review a detailed report being prepared by the city engineer on this proposed development and also to explore in more detail provisions of the Federal Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 that provides cities with Federal funds to help in acquiring more park and open space land areas.

**QUESTIONED** by the council, City Manager John Dinan expressed confidence that the information desired should be available soon enough so that a decision could be made by the councilmen at their next regular meeting, Dec. 20.

Since a decision was promised by the Dec. 6 meeting, Realtor Sanderson was asked whether or not this delay would result in any serious adverse affects to the proposed project. He stated that a delay until Dec. 20 would not but that it delays any longer than that might.

**STRONG** objections to the

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## Water Meeting for N.E. Twp. Area Dec. 15

Property owners' reaction to the proposed extension of Detroit water facilities into an approximately nine square mile area in the northeast portion of Farmington Township will be sought by Township officials at a public meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday, December 15.

The meeting will be held at the Bond elementary school, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, starting at 8 p.m. and will be open to all interested citizens living in the area planned to be served by the improvement.

**THE AREA** proposed to be served would include all subdivisions and properties located between the I-696 Expressway and 14 Mile Road from Inkster Road to a point approximately one half mile west of Farmington Road. Also included would be most of the land area between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road south of the I-696 Expressway as far south as 11 Mile Road.

A large transmission line is now being extended up Inkster Road and another running along 14 Mile to a point beyond Farmington Road is called for. Smaller lines would also be extended along all the major roads running both north-south and east-west in the area to provide a good loop system to assure adequate water pressure. It was reported.

The township supervisor pointed out that those areas presently having community well systems of their own, such as the Kendallwood and the Westbrook subdivision developments, would have only their share of the revenue bond obligation to pay off. He said that the cost per homestead in those areas with their own community well systems would run only \$75 in a capital payment charge plus \$5 per quarter until the bonds were liquidated.

**IN THOSE** areas not having community well systems now, however, it will be necessary for special assessment districts to be established and internal systems put in as well, Hall added.

The meeting next Wednesday night will actually have a two fold purpose. One of these will be to try to determine what the general feeling is among the homeowners regarding this proposed improvement and their

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## Gov. Romney Speaks At Orchard Ridge

Governor George Romney spoke in Farmington this morning at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. City and Township officials, as well as many state and county dignitaries were on hand for the event.

Dr. John E. Tirrell, OCC President, announced that a \$7,000,000 bond issue for first phase construction of the Campus was awarded to First of Michigan Corporation, and that construction would begin very soon.

The Campus, Dr. Tirrell said, will be constructed in three phases and will ultimately consist of 15 buildings which will accommodate upwards of 5,000 students. Six buildings and a power plant are scheduled for the first phase of construction, and classes for 3,000 students will begin in September, 1967.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located on a 157 acre site on I-696 between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads.



**THE CALIENTES BAND** will provide the swingin' music this Saturday night, December 11, at the Goodfellows Teen Hop where admission will be a \$1 toy (stuffed or a \$2 toy (drag). The dance will open at 8 p.m. and last until 11 p.m. in the Farmington High School gym, Shawwassee Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road. The Calientes,

(L to R) Chico Lorenger, Morgan Humecky, Bob June, Tom Walker and Tom Proctor, won the "Battle of the Bands" contest during the Farmington Founders' Festival this year and are donating their services for the Goodfellows in an effort to help raise toys for children in needy families this Christmas.

## Goodfellow Paper Sale Dec. 10 to Aid Needy

The Farmington Goodfellows move into high gear this week as their annual newspaper sale is scheduled Friday, December 10, and a Toys for Tots "Teen Hop" is scheduled Saturday night, Dec. 11.

Dr. John Richardson, general chairman of the Farmington Goodfellows Campaign, reports that schools throughout the community will be joining with others in providing donated canned goods for this year's Goodfellow baskets which will be distributed to needy area families this Christmas.

Last year, out of a total of 147 families reported for Goodfellow assistance, investigations showed 127 deadline and needed help. The deadline for turning in the names of needy families is next Wednesday, December 15. The Goodfellow telephone number is 474-9900.

MAC GOLDMAN of the Good-

fellow, in charge of the investigation committee, emphasizes the need for getting names in early so as to allow for proper checking of the families, in order to determine if they need or want assistance and determining their individual needs, such as shoe sizes, ages of children, and any, and other important information which helps the Goodfellows know what to supply in the way of toys, food and clothing.

Several straws in the community have Goodfellow containers on display for convenient donations from citizens. A container is also located in front of the vacant building at 33314 Grand River Avenue, just west of the Farmington Elks Lodge in downtown Farmington, for those who wish to contribute items.

The Grand River Avenue building will also be used as the packaging and delivery depot for the Goodfellows, under the supervision of Lou McCreedy, High school varsity club members from Farmington will be helping in the delivery of the Goodfellow baskets. School principals are asked to call McCreedy at GR 4-5220 to arrange for pickup of goods if needed.

**BOB HALL**, chairman of this year's Goodfellow Newspaper Sale, reminds old newsboys the annual edition of the Farmington Enterprise Goodfellow Newspaper will be dropped off at the Farmington City Municipal Building and the Sale Headquarters will be located in the Municipal Building basement. All those wishing to help in selling Goodfellow Newspapers are asked to report Friday or call Bob Hall at VE 6-1692.

Helping to take the Goodfellow Teen Hop at Farmington High School, 8 to 11 p.m., are the Farmington Exchange Club, Farmington Elks and Farmington American Legion.

Official Council approval to the proposal was given at the regular meeting Monday night, Dec. 6.

## Clarify Sr. Citizens Tax Exemption Act

Some clarifying points were provided this week by both city and township officials on the new Michigan Senior Citizens Tax Exemption Act which will provide local tax relief for older citizens on low fixed incomes.

One point emphasized was the fact that while forms are already available at both city and township offices they cannot officially be filed until after January 1, 1966. Another was the fact that the new legislation provides for no relief on current tax bills but only on bills for 1966 taxes and tax bills thereafter.

**BOTH LOCAL** governmental offices urge that senior citizens who are planning to apply for exemption under this new act find out as soon as possible all

the details with regard to what the regulations are and what documents they will need such as birth certificates, deeds to their property, etc. before coming in to apply. The township supervisor's office personnel and the city assessing department invites senior citizens to drop in or call with regard to any questions they may have.

**SOME OF** the basic requirements are:

1. You must be 65 years of age and have a total income of less than \$5,000 yearly from all sources. The income of all persons whose name is on the deed to the property may not exceed this amount.
2. The qualified, assessed valuation of all property owned

**THE COST** estimate for this major improvement project has been set by the engineers at \$2,135,000, according to Township Supervisor Curt Hall. Revenue bonds to raise this amount would have to be sold and there must be adequate assurances that there will be enough income to make the system to assure that the township can meet yearly obligations on this bond indebtedness, Hall stated.

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## B.C. Votes to Affiliate With State Chamber

The Farmington Board of Commerce is now slated to become a member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Official action was taken by the B. C. board of directors at their weekly Thursday morning meeting approving the affiliation with the state chamber. The affiliation has been under consideration and discussion for the past several months now.

Two advantages to affiliation with the state chamber were brought out during the discussions prior to the official action. One was that affiliation will afford Farmington's Commerce members with information about state matters and legislation affecting their business operations and the other that it would provide the local B. C. with information about what B. C.'s are doing in other communities for the benefit of their business and industrial people.

**SCOUTS TO TRIM CITY YULE TREE**

The traditional trimming of the City Farmington's Official Christmas Tree will take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 13.

Representatives of 28 Girl Scout troops from the Farmington area will gather at the City Hall and each girl will place an ornament she has made on the tree.

The tree will be lighted by Mayor Brotherton to officially open the Christmas season in Farmington. The ceremonies will end with caroling by the scouts.

A special, live, 20 foot Colorado blue spruce, donated by Ted Johnson, is scheduled to be planted as the City's official Christmas Tree.

## Beautification Meet Thursday

A meeting of the City's Beautification Committee and members of the City Council has been called for this Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting, requested by members of the city beautifying committee, will be to discuss a program of projects and activities the committee proposes to undertake in 1966.

At least a couple of the councilmen raised doubt whether they would be able to attend the meeting, on such short notice but it was agreed that the proposed meeting should go ahead if at least three councilmen can be present.

## 2 Shoplifters Apprehended

Farmington City Police arrested two professional shoplifters Saturday, December 4, in the parking lot of the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

Arraigned before Associate Municipal Judge Dennis Phene were Marjorie Lucille Sanford, 35, and her sister-in-law, Sue Ann Green, 20, both of 33750 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The pair, waived examination and were bound over for trial to Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of larceny from a building. They are out on \$500 personal bond.

**DETECTIVE SGT.** William Garden and Chief Maurice D. Foltz made the arrest after having kept the women under surveillance from the time they left their home until they came out of a Plaza store with merchandise.

A store owner who had become suspicious when goods were returned for a refund by the suspects who left conflicting addresses led police to the arrests. Police felt more persons may be involved and the case is still under investigation with more arrests expected.

Professional shoplifters have been reported operating at stores throughout the Farmington area, stealing merchandise and later returning to obtain refunds from the store and addresses. Police warn stores will be under extra surveillance during the Christmas shopping period in an effort to discourage shoplifting.

## Jaycees Tree Sale Starts Sat.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree sale will open this Friday, December 10. Hours for the sale will be 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. this and every weekend. During the week the hours of the sale will be 12 noon to 9 p.m.

The location of the sale will be between the Farmington Professional Center and the Quik Pik Food Store, on Grand River. The space for the sale was donated by the Professional Center, and the electricity was donated by the Quik Pik Food Store.

**THE JAYCEES** HAVE 400 excellent Scotch Pine Christmas trees on sale, all from upper Michigan near Gaylord. The trees will be reasonably priced.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Jaycees to aid in their community development programs during the remainder of this year and during the coming year.

A Jaycee spokesman said, "Any tree left over after the sale, will be distributed to needy families in the Farmington area." The sale is scheduled to run until December 23.



FARMINGTON'S OLD NEWSBOYS will be out on street corners and in shopping areas throughout the community this Friday, December 10, selling the annual Goodfellow Edition of the Farmington Enterprise in order to raise funds to provide for needy families this Christmas. Helping in this year's Goodfellow Newspaper Sale, under the direction of Bob Hall, will be service club-

and organizations including the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, Optimist, Lions, Kiwanis, Elks, and Exchange clubs. Police from the City and Township of Farmington will also be helping out in the annual effort. Buy a Goodfellow Newspaper this Friday and help bring a "Merry Christmas" to the needy families in the community.