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Army Engineers Are Ready to Go on Rouge Flooding

The Farmington Township Board received a lengthy letter from the Michigan Water Resources Commission outlining

the proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project for snagging and clearing the Upper River Rouge near Farmington

Monday night but delayed action until it had a chance to study the proposal. The letter states that the

final design calls for "improvements consisting of widening and clearing of about 0.6 mile of channel and

of clearing the flood plain land for a distance of 50 feet back from both river banks. The excavated material would be

placed beside the channel and graded out to permit drainage of the uplands area. The plan improvement also

provides for a depressed road overflow area immediately north of the bridge leading to the Children's Hospital proper-

ty. Such an overflow area would allow part of river flood flows to bypass around the bridge during periods of high water.



Community College Talk Scheduled

Dr. John E. Tirrell, president of the Oakland Community College, will discuss the curriculum and facilities of the new Orchard Ridge Campus of the College in Farmington Township on Feb. 1 at North Farmington High School.

The opening meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. There is no admission charge.

Tirrell, who has become nationally recognized for his revolutionary approach to high education, is a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Mich. He received his master's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in education from Harvard University.

He has been a teacher and principal in Michigan public schools; assistant director of the Harvard Center for Field Studies; and dean of the Grand Rapids Junior College.

Prior to his assuming the presidency of Oakland Community College.

Union Wants Board To Rehire Drury

The Building Inspector's union has requested that the Farmington Township Administration rehire John Drury as plumbing inspector as part of its negotiations with the Township.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the Board Monday night that the union filed the request and that he and Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan had stated that Drury's dismissal was without stand by his original decision on Drury's dismissal.

Trustee Earl Oppenbacher was in the hands of the State Labor Mediation Board and added that "if anyone is guilty of such charges, he should not attempt to defend himself but he should not be allowed to labor at the public trough any longer."

"If the charges are true then we are guilty in not dismissing Mr. Drury sooner," Oppenbacher asserted, and to take error "if any request is submitted, I think it should be firmly turned down."

The Township Board fired Drury on Dec. 20 following a public hearing for "gross misconduct" and "dereliction of duty."

At the same time four other

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City Police and Fire Dept. Close 2,912 Cases in 1965

Residents of the City of Farmington utilized their Department of Public Safety this year reporting almost 3,000 more incidents during 1965 than the years previous.

Total reports for the year—which include fires, thefts, criminal acts and "miscellaneous public" services were 3,677 as compared to 2,932 during the 1964 calendar year.

Of these reports a total of 3,602 were found to be actual cases for the department to investigate. During 1964 the Department of Public Safety has only 2,912 actual cases of the 1965 total, 3,248 have been closed by the Department, as compared with the 2,484 cases in 1964.

The difference in the figures according to Director of Public Safety Maurice Full is that some of the calls to the Department turn out not to be of a nature requiring investigation.

Broken down into the various categories the figures show that a total of 341 adults were arrested during 1965.

• 2,487 calls were concerned with various violations and met the Department of Public Safety.

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Twp. Planning Commission Agenda Full

The Farmington Township Planning Commission will meet Thursday night at 8 p.m. with a full agenda, included on the docket for the evening is a public hearing, a final review of a plat for the Hunters Ridge development and several items for preliminary presentations and review.

Coming up for a public hearing is a rezoning request for a lot in the trailer park at 3030 W. Eight Mile Rd. from L-1 to B-3.

Preliminary reviews are scheduled for the following items: • A rezoning request from R-1 to RC-3 (multiples) of 20 acres on Drake Rd. north of proposed Oakland Ave.; • Three lots on the east side of Orchard Lake Rd. for rezoning to B-3 from R-2;

• The rezoning request from B-3 to R-2 for a portion of the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds.; • A preliminary presentation of the rezoning request submitted Dec. 2 for the back lot at 22014 Haynes St. from the present R-4 to B-3; and • Continued preliminary review of a rezoning in regard to the Michigan Bank of Detroit's request for rezoning on Northwestern Highway.

Pat Nowak, president of the Farmington Jaycees, said that the Distinbished Service Award is made on the basis of all around action in the community. For the special citizen's award efforts on the job as well as efforts in the community were considered, according to Nowak.

The awards are made annually for Farmington area residents who are outstanding in their respective areas.

The Saturday dinner also marks the kick off of the Jaycees spring musical show, the year's show is the 12th in the series that dates back to the first year of the Farmington Chapter.

At the dinner, the club will announce the title and theme as well as the cast of the 1966 production which will be March 18 and 19 at Farmington Junior High.

That's A Lot of TV

Someone is going to do an awful lot of TV watching if he makes use of all the lost taken from Richard's TV Service at 22344 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington on Jan. 22.

According to police reports someone entered the building through a rear door and made off with seven television sets and between \$15 and \$20 in silver.

Named to College Post Donald D. Nichols, 31236 Lee Lane, Farmington, has been appointed an assistant to the dean in counseling at Oakland Community College.



MOTHER'S STARTED their annual March of Dimes last Monday and will continue to call on door to door for Farmington and Farmington Township through Feb. 1. Above Mrs. Flen Mingo, 29511 Spers Lane, Farmington Township, greets (from left) Mrs. Lindsay Chalmer and Mrs. Donald Howard, Mrs. Howard

is the chairman of the Kimberly area for the March of Dimes. According to the drive, approximately 225 workers are involved. Additional workers are still needed, however, and for further information on how you can help the drive call 474-0817 or 474-8272.

Michigan Bell Announces Big Farmington Expansion in '66

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. will ring up a million dollars and more of expansion and improvement to its Farmington facilities this year.

New outside plant facilities, additional equipment in homes and offices, more central office equipment and new land building additions are slated in both city and township, according to William M. Day, Michigan Bell president.

Farmington's expansion is part of the telephone firm's 1966 construction program which will total a record \$175 million.

The expansion, Day said, will mean "hundreds of additional employees" throughout the state, but he did not estimate the increased employment potential to Farmington.

The local expansion will total about \$1,377,000, Farmington manager for Michigan Bell, Hughes C. Bronaugh estimated.

"We'll spend about \$468,000 for added outside plant facilities, \$351,000 for telephone equipment in homes and offices, \$298,000 for central office equipment and about \$133,000 for other services."

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Farmington Observes YMCA Week by Doing

YMCA Week rolls off the calendar this week and for Farmington area families it's a week of fun and games. The year's show is the 12th in the series that dates back to the first year of the Farmington Chapter.

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Bargaining Units OK'd by Schools

In two resolutions, the Farmington Board of Education recognized two separate units as agents for the purpose of collective bargaining. This action was taken at the regular Monday evening Board meeting.

The International Union of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1456, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, was recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for all non-teaching employees excluding noon aides, crossing guards, office clerical employees, bus drivers and supervisors as defined by the pertinent Michigan statutes.

The second resolution recognized the Farmington Association of Educational Secretaries as the bargaining agent for all secretarial, clerical and bookkeeping personnel, excluding the business office supervisor and confidential secretaries of the superintendent and assistant superintendents.

Recognition of Local 1456 was out of an informal hearing held at the Detroit office of the Michigan State Labor Relations Board.

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A Silent Vagnozzi

In the audience at Monday night's Township Board meeting were seven Boy Scouts and their leaders. Included in the group, who are studying citizenship in the Vagnozzi, was Stephen Vagnozzi, the son of Aldo Vagnozzi who is chairman of the Farmington Democrat Club.

The older Vagnozzi has, at times, been somewhat of an irritant to the Township administration. During the question and answer period of the meetings the Democrat spokesman can just about always be counted on to have something to say.

However during Monday's meeting there were no questions. To this silence Trustees Tom Niskanen (a former head of the GOP in the Township) quipped "Steve aren't you going to say anything?"

The scouts could be heard buzzing — "go ahead Steve say something," Young Vagnozzi had nothing to say however.

Forum Meets Thursday at 8

The Farmington Community Forum will meet Thursday (Jan. 27) evening at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church to examine the topic "Public Tax Aid to Non-Public Schools."

Richard Wilde, a member of the American Unitarian and Protestant and Other Americans United, is the speaker.

He will be questioned by a panel of four. Panelists are: John Walker, Marjorie Van Ameyde, Rev. Robert M. Eddy and Representative William A. Ryan. Lee Peet will serve as moderator.

Following the panel discussion the subject will be open to questions from the floor. End.

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Area's Tiny Tots Meet At Library During Weekly Story Sessions

Forty-nine pairs of wide eyes peered upward while 49 tiny totos tried their very hardest not to do what comes naturally — wiggle.

The same 49 pair of ears were open wide and 49 tiny mouths had been buttoned up tight with a magic key which each child harbored in his pocket.

These 49 four-year-old boys and girls were learning about the wonders of a library.

Each Tuesday morning when schools are in session, the Farmington Public Library, located right in the heart of the city at Farmington Rd., has a story time from 10:30-11 for all interested four-year-old children. Librarian Mildred Droege reads a selection of picture books, and, in her own

that delight the hearts of her tiny listeners.

But a story isn't all the children get from their trip to the library. They learn where to find books for their age group, how to act in a library, and even books as "friends" and treat how to pick on and take off their own coats.

Mrs. Droege says the children can't hear their story time "schools" And, when a child learns to write or print only

Court Date Is Feb. 7

The civil suit filed last week by attorney Wendell Brown against the Farmington Township officials on the incorporation question will be heard before Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams on Feb. 7. The case came up on the court's docket on Monday, but was postponed until the February date.

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FORTY-NINE FARMINGTON four-year-olds His Steam Shovel." The scene is recreated

lively intensively as librarian Mildred Droege reads the adventure of "Mike Mulligan and Farmington Library.