

# March 6 City Voter Deadline

March 6 is the deadline to register to vote in the April 3 Farmington City Council and municipal judges election.

City Clerk Trena Quinn's office will remain open until 8 p.m. on March 6, which is a Monday. Regular hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

You must register with the clerk if you have never before registered in the city or if your registration was cancelled for failing to vote during the past two years.

Residents of the former township area which last year was annexed to the city need not re-register if they were registered in the township. Their township registrations have been transferred to the city, Mrs. Quinn said.

A person with any doubt about his registration should contact the city clerk's office.

The newly annexed residents will be in Precinct 1, and vote in the City Hall at 23600 Liberty.

The annexed area has an estimated 161 registered voters, and the city as a whole has about 4,100 voters, Mrs. Quinn said.

## Pack 48 Sets Display, Banquet For Scout Week

Scouting in America is 57 years old this month. To commemorate "Scout Week," Feb. 7-13, Cub Pack 48 plans a display in Gabes Shoe Store Window in the Kendallwood Shopping Center.

The committee in charge of this exhibit includes Mrs. Mary Harvard, Mrs. Pauline Jewsbury, Mrs. Florence Sharp, with assistance from Mrs. Jean Dougherty, pack coordinator, and Mrs. Barbara List, last year's chairman.

The '87 theme is "Scouting Rounds a Guy Out." Pack 48 plans to show the influences of Cub Scouting through all its phases of achievement, sports, flag knowledge, physical fitness, woodwork, hobbies, safety, rope knowledge, rowing, good citizenship, and good scholarship.

Each den will display craft items and exhibit materials gathered during their various cubbing activities.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 12**, is Scout Sunday, and all Cub and Boy Scouts are urged to wear their uniforms to church. Many churches will have special Scout recognition services.

At 2 p.m. in Roma Hall on Schoolcraft Road, this pack will hold its annual blue and gold banquet under the chairmanship of Cheri Kraus and Den 7. Each den will decorate its table in a blue and gold theme and invite their families to join them for this special event.

Rev. Ralph Ridout of Grace Baptist Church will give the invocation; Mr. Accelli, Scout Master of Troop 263, will review the goals of Scouting; and Weldon Peitz will show his Lincoln collection.

**WILLIAM EASTEN**, council field representative, announced a training course for all interested parents in Cub Scouting. This course will be given at Middlebelt School on Middlebelt Road just north of Ten Mile.

It will be presented by Mrs. Roggenbusch, Mrs. Easten, and the commissioner, Easten, all of whom are professional scouters.

The course will be given every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for the next four weeks. The fee is 25 cents per meeting. The course is designed to present all phases of Cub Scouting and will give parents some good ideas and activities for boys from the ages of 8-11.

John Jorgenson announced plans for the expansion of Pack 48.

Den 4 with Joan Takai as leader is the first Cub Scout den in the new Canterbury Subdivision. The Board discussed plans to establish a second Cub den, 8, with Barbara Adams as den leader, and a Webelos Den 9 with Dick Litter as Webelos master.

This expands Pack 48 to nine dens and a membership of 64 boys. Cubmaster John Jorgenson, co-ordinator, Jean Dougherty, registrar, Mary Harvard will be glad to talk to any interested parent of boys of cub scout age who desire participation in Pack 48. Further information may also be obtained from Bond School.

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## OTHER TOWNS QUIT

# City Stays In Licensing

The Farmington city police department is one of the few municipal offices in southeastern Michigan where one may obtain a driver's license.

For a time when most cities and many sheriff's departments have quit the licensing business, the City of Farmington is still in — and

breaking even, city officials say.

Increasingly, the Secretary of State's office dominates the licensing business, and there's some pressure in Lansing to have the state take the job entirely away from the municipalities.

"WE FEEL obligated to

provide the service," said City Manager John Dinan.

He points out, first, that having a licensing service in the city helps increase the downtown's reputation as a service center and, second, that it saves local people a long drive to Pontiac or some other town to get their licenses.

Indeed it does. Farmington's population is around the 10,000 mark, but last year, the city issued 2,620 new operators' licenses and 10,811 renewals for a total of 13,431.

Considering that a license is good for three years, it means that over a three-year period the city would issue more than 40,000 licenses.

And assuming that the city has 4,000 licensed drivers (that's just a guess, though perhaps not a bad one), it appears the city police department is doing licensing work for 10 times the number of persons who live inside the city limits.

HOW DID the city get so heavily into the drivers' licensing work?

In the middle of 1965, the Secretary of State's office decided that all drivers should have their color photos on their licenses. The state equipped many police departments, including the City of Farmington's, with cameras.

But the pay was low. Police Chief Robert F. Deadman points out that the local units haven't had an increase in their share of the licensing fee for many years, although more work is now required.

The driver getting his first license pays \$5.50 as of Jan. 1 (it used to be \$4.50), but the city continues to get just \$2. The driver getting a renewal pays \$4 (formerly \$3), but the city continues to get only 50 cents.

The one-year chauffeur's license costs \$3.50 (formerly \$3.25), and the city still gets 50 cents.

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