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11 Lose Home In Fire

Fire Wednesday morning in a rented home at 3390 Colfax left a Township family of 11 homeless.

Lloyd Toney was at work. Mrs. Toney at the laundromat and some of the nine children in school. No one was hurt.

Township Fire Stations One and Three answered the report of the fire at 9:09 a.m. with four pieces of equipment.

Gill Elementary School, where some of the children are enrolled, notified Mrs. Willow Juppert, of the Office of Economic Opportunity, who works with the family. She said at the scene that Mrs. Toney had been worried about a faulty stove.

All of the family's possessions and clothing were destroyed. Two of the children are girls, ages nine years and four months. Seven are boys ranging up to 14 years of age. A tenth child is living with relatives in West Virginia.

Contributions to help the Tonneys may be made to Gill Elementary School.

The Red Cross is supplying them with food and clothing.

The Office of Economic Opportunity will help them find shelter.



FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT 3390 COLFAX

'Fractured' Local Plans Capped Here

Farmington city and township, and the two villages within the township, ought to plan their future development jointly, even if they don't consolidate into one unit of government.

So said Paul Reid, a Pleasant Ridge resident who is director of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

Reid discussed the advantages and disadvantages of small local units Thursday evening when he met with the body which re-named itself the "Future Farmington Area Study Committee," a group looking into growth patterns and the feasibility of municipal consolidation.

The committee, headed by Dr. John Richardson, met and will meet again March 22 — in the Farmington High School library.

ADVANTAGES of the present "small, fractured" units in the planning field, Reid said, are these:

- "There is certainly an advantage in the neighborhood in small units of government, and there's a handicap in a large square-mile area developing this neighborhood." In the latter category, he placed Livonia, Troy and Warren.

- "It appears easier to achieve your goals on a small area basis. I say 'appears,' because not saying it's inevitably cheaper to have large units," he added later, "but in the long run, I think it does pay."

- TIE DISADVANTAGES list for fragmented planning ran a little longer:

- "There is difficulty allocating land resources. As for units, you don't have a perspective." Separate units also react differently to metropolitan forces.

- Township government is simply not congenial to urban problems. . . . It faces financial, governmental and other handicaps in attempting to handle them.

- "In small, fractured units (within a 36 square mile area), usually taxation of property is high because the only kind of property you can tax is the kind that's there, which is real estate. It's a layover community to have a sufficient attraction for commerce and industry."

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Township Offices Getting Crowded

A citizens committee this week is scheduled to begin reviewing space needs in the Farmington Township Hall.

Probable verdict when the study is complete: More space will be needed, and an addition will have to be built.

The police department right now could use three quarters of our building," says Supervisor Curtis Hall.

"They need space for interviewing. They need a photo lab to do their own development."

"THE ASSESSOR'S office now is using half of our assembly area."

"Every department is cramped. We're losing efficiency, and we're losing revenue."

around the block

SOMEWHAT FARTHER THAN around the block we traveled to Carl Sandburg's "hog butcher of the world" last week-end, playing moving van for Number One Child who is stationed there with Pan Am. An auspicious welcome had been planned by the weather bureau.

There had been five and a half inches of new snow. The day before coupled with thunder, lightning and a drop to record low temperatures which persisted until we left on Sunday.

SOMEWHERE NEAR DECATUR, the expressway became almost obliterated, and at one point we found ourselves in the middle of a blinding blizzard. To our surprise, as we stopped, the blizzard moved on and we discovered that we'd driven into the backwash from a giant snow plow. Ridiculous! It did get the old adrenaline pumping.

THE FIRST NIGHT, daughter's apartment joined the growing list of those whose heating equipment had broken down, and Seven pronounced the understatement of the week-end, "There's a draft from somewhere." There were drafts from everywhere plus a leak in the plumbing in which her dress was affixed since she'd carefully hung it up on the floor.

THE SECOND NIGHT was fairly calm except for what looked like flames leaping up beyond the window shades. Investigation disclosed a swinging ambulance light and some poor soul from under our very roof, being whisked away in the night. Blase Chicagoans ambled by paid absolutely no attention.

ONE, NOT SO BLASE, had his problem aired on the front page of the Sun Times. It seems his pet lizard was displaying some "queer habits" all of a sudden and he wondered how to get help. The local Ombudsman steered him to the lizard helping hand organization, but it left the reader with a big question mark about that afflicted creature.

DID YOU READ ABOUT our own (well, Detroit zoo's) Billy the hippo who recently made the scene weighing 80 pounds, twice as much as the New York zoo baby? And there was no mention of any stork cashing in his chips, though it probably took two of them flying tandem to deliver such a bundle.

NOT KNOWING JUST WHAT the cause celebre could be, the organist (we were going to say electric organist, but that sounded shocking) played "Happy Birthday to You" followed by "Anniversary Waltz" while Mrs. S. wailed in some indignation for him to launch into "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used to Be."

by Shirley Berger

McDonald Votes To Oust Powell; Democrat Critical

Congressman Jack McDonald was in the House majority that rebelled against leaders of both parties by refusing to endorse Adam Clayton Powell and instead excluding the Harlem Democrat.

McDonald immediately announced he would sponsor bills to ethical standards and finances of House members.

Farmington Democratic Club Chairman Gerald Freedman replied that "Congress has made a mistake" in throwing out Powell.

THE HOUSE Wednesday rejected 222-202 its select committee's recommendations that Powell be censured, fined and expelled.

On a second key vote, the House excluded Powell 248-176. All Michigan Democrats were opposed to throwing out Powell, and they were joined by six Republicans, including House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford. Voting to exclude Powell were McDonald and five other Michigan Republicans.

"I know of no private agency that would allow an employe to come back after missing \$46,000 — to come back and have payroll deductions made over a period of four years. He would have had to be re-elected, to pay it back," McDonald said.

To vote for censure would be voting to seat him. Some people from Michigan thought it would be better to seat him and fine him than to exclude him altogether. I didn't feel that way," the 19th District freshman lawmaker said.

McDONALD SAID he and 30 other freshman House Republicans have introduced legislation to "set up permanent House machinery to deal with unethical conduct of members, officers and employes."

A select committee on standards and conduct would be appointed, he said. Requirements would include "full disclosure of assets, liabilities, honoraria, etc., by members, their spouses and staff members whose salaries exceed \$15,000 gross annually."

The bill would also provide for disclosure of relatives on the government payroll — including spouses, children, grandchildren, and parents.

(Taken literally, this couldn't be called an "anti-nepotism" bill, because "nepotism," technically refers to nephews.)

McDONALD said his bill would have prevented Powell from hiring his wife, who did "little or no work and resided in Puerto Rico."

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN Freedman gave two reasons for saying Congress was wrong to bounce Powell.

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Observer Newspapers General Manager Milton Smith announces that effective Monday, March 6, all billings will be through the Livonia central office, including the Farmington Enterprise and the Plymouth Mail.

Advertising customers are notified that questions over billings should be referred to the Livonia offices instead of the Enterprise office.

Monday Deadline For Registering

Monday, March 6, is the last day for registration for the city election to be held Monday, April 3.

To be elected are three city councilman and two municipal judges.

The election will pose no contests. Five men — all incumbents — have filed for the posts.

3 Township Roads To Be Improved

Improvements on three roads along the Farmington Township will begin this year and be completed in 1968.

The work will be done on a matching fund program by the Oakland County Road Commission.

SLATED for improvements are:

- Drake Rd. between Grand River and 11 Mile.

- Power Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile.

- Eleven Mile Rd. between Orchard Lake and Power Rds.

The Drake Rd. project will cost an estimated \$116,000. The Road Commission would pay 50 per cent, Township authority the other half.

Both agreements contain provisions that if the area should be annexed to a city or incorporate into a city, then the Road Commission would be responsible for its portion for that work which had already been let under contract or stated.

Should the Township incorporate or the area be annexed, the agreement notes that the jurisdiction on the road will immediately revert to the City and the Road Commission will be exempt from any financial responsibility for the work.

Water System Prices Raised

Water system connection charges in Farmington Township went up today.

Supervisor Curtis Hall said the average increase is 22 per cent, adding that some prices are higher and some lower.

The rate affects only future connections — not past connections nor the price of water itself.

OAKLAND County's Board of Public Works raised the rates to the township, and the Township Board passed them to customers at last Monday night's meeting.

The county defended the increases on the ground that costs are rising and that these are the first hikes in six years.

Residents on streets with a 120-foot right-of-way will find their connection charges lower, Hall said. They had been heavily charged previously.

Those on other streets will be paying more, he said.

TYPES OF charges include: Permit and fixed charge (\$36.60 to \$92.82, depending on diameter of service pipe); service lead installation charge (\$60.50 to \$291.50, depending on diameter); meter installation (\$47.90 to \$227.43); construction water charges to new homes (\$5 to \$25); and remote readers (\$14).

The lower prices in each category are, for three-quarters inch pipe, and the higher prices for two inch pipe.

The Farmington Enterprise COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar is being sponsored as a public service at NO CHARGE by The Farmington Enterprise in cooperation with the JAYCEE AUXILIARY. . . . All copy should be called to the calendar coordinator, Mrs. Roberta Hirzel, 476-1532, no later than Monday prior to date of publication.

- MARCH 1967
- 1 Farmington District Library Board of Trustees meets at the Library, 7:30 p.m.
 - 1 Shiawassee P.T.A. meeting and election of officers. School multi-purpose room, 8 p.m.
 - 1 Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 2 Case Study Committee of the Youth Guidance Committee meets at 1 p.m.
 - 6 Farmington City Council meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 7 Executive Board of the Youth Guidance Committee meets, 8:30 p.m.
 - 7 Farmington Board of Review meets in City Hall, 9 - 12 and 1 - 5 p.m.
 - 7 V.P.W. Post 4033 Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m.
 - 8 Farmington Art Club meets at the First Farmington Savings & Loan, 7:30 p.m.
 - 9 V.W.W.I. meet at the Legion Hall, Lakeway and Grand River, 2 p.m.
 - 10 V.F.W. Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.
 - 10-11 Farmington Jaycees annual musical "Tea in Donations," Mercy High School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. Donations: adults and children 60 cents. Tickets will be sold in the school March 7.
 - 13 City Planning Commission meets at the City Hall 8 p.m.
 - 13 Board of Review meets in City Hall, 9 - 12 noon and 1 - 5 p.m.
 - 14 Board of Review meets in City Hall, 9 - 12.
 - 14 General Youth Guidance Committee meets at 8 p.m.
 - 14 Jaycees general membership meeting, First Farmington Savings & Loan, 8:30 p.m.
 - 14 Beautification Committee meets in City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 15 Farmington Board of Review meets in City Hall, 7 - 9 p.m.
 - 15 Executive Board of the Shiawassee P.T.A. meets in the school, 8 p.m.
 - 15 A.A.U.W. meets. For more information, call 474-5908.
 - 17 North Farmington Community Blood Bank at the Franklin Community Church, 3 - 9 p.m. For more information call MA 6-2841.
 - 18 Shiawassee P.T.A. Movie Party, school multi-purpose room, 2 p.m. (Preschoolers admitted only if accompanied by an adult).
 - 18 Shiawassee P.T.A. Bake Sale.
 - 20 Business & Professional Women's Club meets at Koester's Restaurant, 6:45 p.m. For reservations, call 476-8000.
 - 20 City Council meets in City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 21 Jaycee Auxiliary meeting, First Farmington Savings & Loan, 8 p.m.
 - 24 V.F.W. Post 4033 meets at 8 p.m.
 - 25 Easter Egg Hunt, City Park. Watch the Enterprise for details.
 - 27 City Planning Commission meets at the City Hall, 8 p.m.
 - 28 Jaycee general membership meeting, First Farmington Savings & Loan, 8:30 p.m.