

Storm Wreaks Havoc In Farmington Area

FARMINGTON A brittle old dead elm tree stands on Grand River west of Farmington Rd., with scarcely a twig shaken loose. Two blocks away a limber green tree five inches in diameter is snapped off at the base.

The aftermath of a freak, brutal thunderstorm that tore through the Farmington area was spotty, widespread and generally a mess.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hommel, 25006 Castle-reigh, had a giant maple tree come crashing through the roof.

A chain-reaction crash on I-696 apparently caused by the poor visibility in driving rain injured two people.

Power cut off transmission at the Farmington Township Police station during the height of the storm, while rain not draining fast enough off the roof of the township hall began pouring inside through the ventilation system.

City police called out all men for several hours to direct traffic and keep children away from chain-link fences electrified by falling wires.

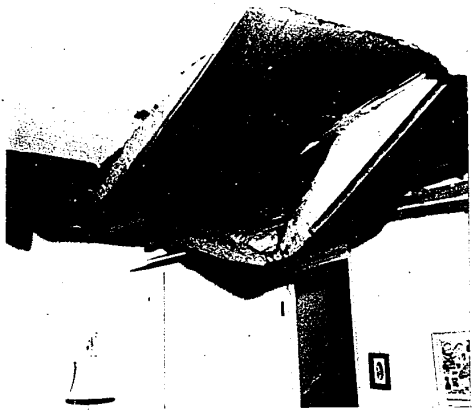
Traffic lights at most major intersections went dark, and traffic was controlled by hand.

But there were no serious injuries.

The day after, almost every subdivision had branches to clean up, shingles loose and assorted damage caused by falling limbs.



FALLING TREES - The Joseph P. Hommel family, 25006 Castle-reigh, was startled when a full-sized maple tree crashed through their roof during Tuesday's freak storm. (Evert photo)



THROUGH THE CEILING - The inside of the house at 25006 Castle-reigh looked like this. (Evert photo)

FEA Complains About New Jobs

FARMINGTON The Farmington Education Association (FEA) is questioning "recent" hiring practices of the school board of education.

What the FEA is referring to are the positions of labor relations coordinator, junior high school principalship and an additional elementary principal which are being filled by the district.

Two months ago "an overall plan of educational reduction" outlining the school program including proposed budget reductions for next year was suggested to the board by the FEA.

The FEA has "no alternative but to question" the new administrative positions, according to the association, because of the lack of information coming from the board.

"THE BOARD is working to come up with such a plan, but it is not finalized yet. We're waiting for the finance committee to meet," said William Prisk, business manager for the district.

Discussing items which are affecting the plan, Prisk explained, "Reductions are being made across the board, but we're still not in a position of knowing our income < particularly in the area of state aid."

"There is a state aid bill which is waiting for the Governor's William Milliken signature."

It would give the district more income, but the Governor could veto any part of it," he continued. "This will be a continuing thing until all these elements are known."

Agreeing that there is a need for a labor relations coordinator and elementary principal if "the district was unencumbered by financial difficulty," the FEA termed the hiring of a junior high principal "unwarranted" and "irresponsible."

"The board has a plan for operation, which it is still revising, and people are being hired to meet time considerations," replied Prisk. "The board has made provisions for these things in the budget."

Prisk said that tentative

'Breath Units' In Cars

FARMINGTON A new life-saving program, certified by the American Red Cross, is now in operation in each patrol car of the Farmington Township Police.

Under the direction of R.N. Holko, public safety director, the program is designed as a supplement to the regular emergency care provided by the Township Fire Department.

In cases when a patrol car is closer to the scene of an emergency, officers in the car will be able to provide first aid to heart attack victims several minutes before the fire department arrives.

Such a response is expected to increase the probability of saving a life.

First aid will be provided with the help of a portable resuscitating unit. Officers have been instructed on how to use the unit, and will be able to respond quickly with the proper equipment.

He added that the board has met with representatives of the FEA as well as other groups including the Citizens Advisory Council on "several occasions."

ALTHOUGH THE release urged the board to "delay any further administrative hiring," the board had already hired a labor relations coordinator. A junior high principal was also hired during last Tuesday's board meeting.

"A detailed analysis of next year's school program" which would include "the number of available course offerings, the number of teaching positions, and a firm budget allocation for field trips and student activities" was also recommended by the FEA.

"Y" Sponsors 10 Mile Race

FARMINGTON Farmington's Founders Festival is in the running-literally.

A 10-mile, mini-marathon race, sponsored by the Farmington YMCA as part of the festival, will be open to all male and female amateur athletes. Sanctioned by the Michigan Association of the American Athletic Union, the race will consist of two classes of runners: those under 40 (open) and those over 40 (masters).

Trophies will be provided for the first five winners in each class, and medals will be awarded for sixth through 15th place winners.

Each entry fee is \$1, and AAU registrations available before the race are \$2. The

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please enter me in the Farmington Founders Festival Mini-Marathon Race.

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, waive all claims to damages which I might have against the Farmington Founders Day Committee, The Farmington YMCA, Michigan Association of the A.A.U. of U.S., the City of Farmington and Farmington Township, personnel associated with the race, their representatives and assigns, for all injuries or illnesses suffered by me at said run as described.

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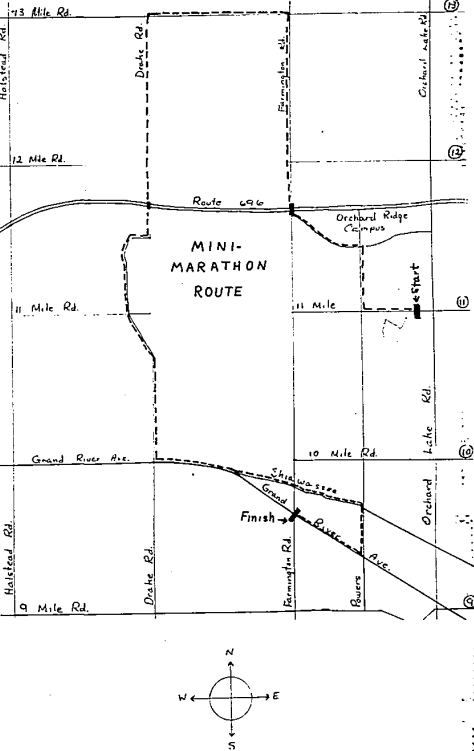
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Recreation Commission Planning Full Program

FARMINGTON Close to 1,300 applicants have thus far registered in the six-week summer program offered by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

A total enrollment of approximately 1,600 is expected to participate in the program before its conclusion on Aug. 4 according to Director Evans Baggett. The program consists of swimming, playground activities, craft making, and taking field trips.

Company to purchase discount amusement ride booklets. Buses should arrive back at around 7:30 p.m.

TO DATE four separate field trips have been made. A total of 343 youngsters from the North playgrounds and 281 from the South playgrounds attended Tiger ballgames.

Their enthusiasm helped bring victory home to the Tigers on each occasion. Over 500 youngsters from both sections also made the two separate treks to the Detroit Zoo. These trips featured viewing a chimp show and taking a train ride.

Parents are reminded that the program is geared to meet the needs of youngsters between the ages of eight to 15. Children younger than this tend to stray and lose their belongings in addition to the safety factor involved. Parents are invited to accompany such youngsters on field trips however.

McConnell Runs For Supervisor

FARMINGTON Robert A. McConnell, a Farmington Township resident, has announced his candidacy for the position of supervisor in the township.

In a statement to the Enterprise & Observer, McConnell stressed the importance of "protecting" the township and business investments in the community.

"I believe that basic business principles should be applied in local government to maximize return on every tax dollar, and achieve top level efficiency," he said.

At the county level, McConnell believes that a supervisor should "be effective in obtaining...the maximum tax dollar for the township."

A resident of the township since 1966, he lives with his wife and two children at 30106 Valley Side Drive.

Local Student Attending Science Camp

FARMINGTON Keith Hendee of Farmington, is one of two top high school graduates representing Michigan at the 10th annual National Youth Science Camp near Bartow W. Va.,

Two delegates from each state, selected by governors on the basis of high achievement in science, are involved in a concentrated program of computer programming, nature photography, lectures by top scientists and teachers and sports activities.

The campers are guests of the State of West Virginia for three weeks, during which they will also take trips to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at nearby Greenbank and to Washington D.C.



ROBERT A. McCONNELL Candidate
Rosen Goes To MIT

Paul Hattermer Killed In Crash

FARMINGTON Trooper William Walton, who is continuing an investigation of the case, said Hattermer was driving west on Eight Mile Rd on a motorcycle when the accident occurred at Old Novi Road.

Trooper Walton said that Howard Sherman, 56, 505 Augusttine, Florida, the Hattermers operated the mington Senior High School, Farmington Bakery on Grand River. A housing construction carpenter, the deceased Fergus and Mary Cray, resided at 39621 Nesrus Avenue in the township.

Michigan State Police Dennis.