

Letter To The Editor

Column Hits Sour Note

EDITOR:

In regard to Dan McCosh's column "The Band Plays On," I would suggest that you stay away from publicity agents, rather listen and watch a few of today's half-time shows and then write his column of nonsense.

HAROLD S. KACANEK,
Director Instrumental Music
Farmington High School

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NORTH FARMINGTON Principal Clayton Graham (left) is presented a band boosters tag as students and band director Douglas McQueen get ready for their annual band boosters tag day

Ice Rink Response

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are the ones who will be paying for it."

He explained that if voters give the go-ahead for sale of \$1,250,000 bonds, construction would probably get under way next fall.

Deadman added that the city would "pick the best manager available" to run the arena.

FEES FOR open skating and ice rental would have to be decided upon at a later date, Deadman said.

Russ Ellis of 34730 Oakland said he had been interested in a sports facility in Farmington for 15 years. Ellis said that if the arena were maintained on a business-like basis, it would eventually pay for itself.

"The city council has worked hard to make this arena a community affair," Ellis told the group. "I believe that the arena can go along on

a break-even basis, maybe not the first year of operation, but from then on.

"If we try to have a low skating charge, then the residents will have to pay for the arena in another way, through taxes."

Deadman said that at the present time, the council "really doesn't know if taxes would have to be raised to finance the project."

He added it could cost taxpayers about one-half mill. Farmington residents will be voting on the question of the issuance of bonds for construction of the arena at the Nov. 7 election.

THE COUNCIL was asked if the project would be scrapped should voters turn down the bond proposal. The answer was "yes."

Deadman explained that while, according to city charter, the council could approve the bond issue without voter approval, it decided that since the arena was a community project, the voters should decide.

"In addition," he stated, "we would get a more favorable rate if the bond issue is approved by the voters. We would save between \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year through approval by the residents."

A number of persons at the meeting asked what they could do to help bring the

message to voters and seek their support for the arena. Ed Bambas of 33229 Kirby, president of the American Hockey Association locally, said he had approximately 100 young hockey players who would pass out flyers prior to the election.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reynolds of 32300 Valley View Circle said they have two daughters taking figure skating lessons at Livonia's rink, and that they are "very interested in seeing the arena become a reality."

Everything we can to help," they added.

A Farmington Township resident, Ed Kemp, said that while he favored the idea of the arena, he wasn't in favor of the proposed location, on Farmington High School property.

Without elaborating, he said "the proposed location is going to create problems for the school."

FARMINGTON residents have been sent an information sheet from the mayor and city council which answers "some of the most frequently asked questions about the arena."

It explains what will be included in the ice and sports arena, what it will cost and where it would be located.

The \$1.2 million, 30-year general obligation bonds, would cover the projected cost of the facility, including site improvement and land acquisition.

The city has projected that the facility will generate enough revenue to offset operational costs and approximately half of the bond amortization costs. This would leave approximately \$35,000 to be financed through the city general fund.

It is believed the cost to a homeowner whose property is assessed at \$12,000 would be \$6 a year.

THE BUILDING would provide an Olympic-sized ice arena 200 ft. by 85 feet, and will contain approximately 43,000 square feet of area.

It will have a seating capacity of approximately 1,200 with the expansion capability of over 3,000 seats when future needs for this additional seating develop.

It has been estimated the building construction cost would be \$1.1 million including architectural engineering, equipment and fixtures. Site

TB Tested In Schools

FARMINGTON Parents of several hundred Farmington school children who have been riding with a school bus driver who has been discovered to have tuberculosis will be receiving letters in December asking them to have their children tested for TB.

"The danger of infection is actually very small," Dr. Bernard Berman, director of the Oakland County Health Department said.

Dr. Berman said the man's family has already been tested, and none showed signs of infection.

THE DRIVER drove a bus which delivered students to Farmington Junior High, East Junior High, Our Lady of Sorrows and Dunkel Junior High.

A routine chest x-ray uncovered the disease, according to Dr. Berman. The same man had been x-rayed a year before with negative results.

He was driving two days, according to school officials. State law requires a TB test of school employees within 14 days of the start of the school year, according to Dr. Berman.

The routine of notification and testing, which was followed several years ago when a student in Farmington High was discovered with TB, will begin with notification of parents in December.

Health officials said parents won't be notified until December because there is a three-month waiting period

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