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Section 36 campaign is extended

A neat little garden, newly painted porch or a clean store make life a bit easier for the entire neighborhood.

That's the philosophy behind the Section 36 Renaissance Committee Clean-Up Contest, which has extended its deadline from Aug. 15 to Sept. 1. Although major renovations are well come, home details count in this contest, according to Mary McEvoy, secretary of the Homeowners Association for Section 36 in Farmington Hills.

Anything that's been done to a home or business which has improved appearance is eligible for the contest, according to Mrs. McEvoy.

"Just so it looks a little better," is the way she describes the contest's requirement.

Home and businesses in the area bounded by Eight Mile, Inkster, Nine Mile and Middle Bell are eligible to be nominated in one of 10 categories.

Houses and businesses will be judged in separate categories to choose the most attractive building, the most improved appearance of a site, the most extensive exterior repairs, best landscaped and most improved grounds.

APPLICATIONS should be accompanied by a before and after photograph of the nominated building or

two letters testifying to the improvement.

Entry forms can be picked up at Botsford Inn, Farmer Jack's bulletin board, Smith-Rexall Drugs and Farmington Hills City Hall.

Winners will be chosen by judges from outside of the section. Judges include Farmington Hills Administrative Assistant Michael Dornan, Building Department chief Hal Rowe and real estate broker Bill Rowman.

Prizes will include a dinner for two at the Botsford Inn for winners in each of the 10 divisions. Other prizes are still in the works.

The contest reflects a growing pride among residents of the southern section of Farmington Hills. Section 36 was built before the north side's subdivisions, according to Mrs. McEvoy. The old homes should be subject to the same attention as the newer areas, according to Mrs. McEvoy.

She has seen the section improve itself within the last two years until its condition is a far cry from the area that confronted her when she moved in six years ago.

Part of the turn-around is due to the better care the city has given to the area and its roads, which were less muddy this spring than in previous years, according to Mrs. McEvoy.



Firefighter Ron Deadman leaves the blazer that destroyed a Farmington Hills barn to retrieve another piece of equipment. Firemen fought a losing battle against the fire that spread through the green hay in the barn. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Fire kills horse in barn blaze

Farmington Hills firefighters are cleaning up debris from a barn fire at 3590 West Nine Mile. Firemen are removing the burnt remnants of

hay and feed to avoid a repetition of the fire which killed a horse and severely damaged the barn owned by Anier Kitts.

Three Farmington Hills fire stations, under the direction of District Chief George Hume and firemen from Farmington were sent to the scene at 12:40 p.m., Thursday.

Fire was coming out of the roof on the arrival of the fire trucks, according to Farmington Hills Fire Chief Johan Van De Voort. Fire-fighting efforts were complicated for a while by attempts to locate the Kitts' gardener Emre (Jimmy) Kiss, who was thought possibly to be in the burning barn. Kiss was eventually discovered to be out on an errand, according to Van De Voort. The owners were not at home when the blaze started.

Five other horses owned by the family were out to pasture, away from the barn.

Officials conjecture that the blaze started through spontaneous gener-

ation triggered by the heat of stacks of green hay which were in the barn. Bacteria growing on moist hay would add to the heat.

"THAT'S NOT uncommon in rural areas," said Van De Voort.

In order to fight the blaze, fire fighters stretched their hoses 800 feet from the barn to the nearest hydrant. The homes on the opposite side of the street have their own water supply from wells, so hydrants couldn't be installed, according to Van De Voort.

Stations One, Three and Four from Farmington Hills were at the scene. Novi's Fire Department went on standby to handle any fires that could have occurred in the city during that time, according to Van De Voort.



Getting to know you

Officer Dave Loe of the Farmington Hills Police takes a few moments to get acquainted with Christopher Roessler, 3, of Farmington Hills. Chris received some expert opinion on his new toy, an electric car, before Loe left to cruise in the real thing. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Elementary schools start with half day

Farmington school administrators are hoping that parents won't have any surprises the first day of school. They are trying to make parents aware of changes in the school calendar.

This year, elementary school students will start school on Sept. 7. Parents should expect them home earlier than in previous years from the first day of school. School will be dismissed at noon, on the first day. In previous years, the semester began with a full day session.

Senior high school students report to school for registration on Sept. 7. Their first school session is in the af-

term of Sept. 8.

Seventh grade students will report to their junior high schools for orientation in the morning of Sept. 8. All other junior high school students will attend school that afternoon. On Sept. 8, elementary students will be attending school for the full day's session.

Other items on the school district's calendar are:

- Nov. 11 Kindergarten and secondary students attend a full day. Grades 15 attend morning classes, only.
- Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving recess.
- Dec. 16: Winter vacation begins at the close of the day.
- Jan. 3: School begins.

Krohn's license is questioned

By SHIRLEE IDEN

An Oakland County physician under fire since being charged with second degree sexual misconduct has been served with a formal complaint by the Michigan Medical Practices Board.

Dr. Donald R. Krohn, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Southfield's Providence Hospital, who has an office at 27600 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills, was served with the complaint on Friday afternoon by the Attorney General's office.

The complaint is the result of an investigation by the Medical Science Unit of the Department of Licensing and Regulation instigated in June, 1977 on allegations supplied to the board.

Dr. Krohn is alleged to have been guilty of immoral conduct and unprofessional conduct. If the complaint is substantiated, the board may revoke, suspend, place on probation or reprimand the license (Dr. Krohn).

DETAILED IN the complaint are allegations that the doctor attended a business meeting, consumed about seven alcoholic drinks and appeared at a home in West Bloomfield.

"Licensee entered said home," it reads, "and grabbed the arm and shoulders of the female occupant. Said female... showed licensee out of her home and closed the door."

It goes on to describe how the doctor entered another home on the same street at about 3:45 a.m., without permission, grabbed a female occupant and a struggle ensued.

"Licensee struck, pushed, shoved and grabbed the female occupant and threw her on the floor against a set of stairs," it continues. "Licensee then pinned the female occupant down against her will and did partially undress the female occupant and placed his hands underneath her brassiere and fondled her breasts."

Neighbors then entered the home and pulled the doctor off and a struggle ensued between a male neighbor and the doctor.

Dr. Krohn is alleged to have run out of the house to his automobile after which he was pursued by police who apprehended him after a chase.

The complaint says Krohn was found breathalyzer tests at 5 a.m. and 5:35 a.m.

Dr. Krohn was found not guilty of the second degree criminal sexual conduct charges in mid-June by Oakland County Circuit Judge William Beer.

On BASIS of the Judge's decision was that Krohn was too drunk to form the necessary criminal intent to be guilty. The doctor had pleaded that he had anemia due to hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), as well.

Following the decision, a storm of protest was raised by members of the National Organization for Women (NOW) who lobbied to get Dr. Krohn removed from his Providence Hospital position and picketed the hospital when the board of trustees voted to retain him.

Under normal procedures, Krohn will now be given 20 days by the board to reply in writing or seek a compliance conference with a board conference and the board's legal counsel (Mrs. Gay Hardy of the Attorney General's office).

Any final disposition of the case will come from the entire board said James Burdick, a Southfield attorney who is one of the board's non-medical members.

"It should be determined in two or three months," Burdick said.

Burdick emphasized that the complaint is not based on criminal culpability but on the doctor's actions on the night of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1976.

"Dr. Krohn's defense was based on mental and physical disability as I understand it. He said on television he was determined not guilty because he was too disabled to form the necessary criminal intent."

"His very defense may deem him unable to practice by virtue of the medical practices statute."

"If HE can prove his disability was temporary, that would help his defense."

Two civil suits have been filed against Dr. Krohn as a result of the episode last year. A \$1.1 million suit was brought by Ann Mac Poy of West Bloomfield and her husband, Sanford. Krohn is also being sued for \$70,000 by the Porvins' neighbors, Sylvia and Robert Penfil.

The Penfils charge Krohn with assaulting them when they came to Mrs. Porvin's aid. Both couples charge assault and battery and Porvin claims loss of consortium.

Reached at his Providence Hospital office, the doctor said: "I have received the complaint and this is a standard way the investigation is done. It's just part of the procedure which allows a physician under investigation to seek a hearing."

"I believe that things will work out."

Arraignment set in Lawson heist

Westland Police will turn over to Farmington a man who is wanted in connection with robbing Lawson's Party Store, 20750 Farmington on Aug. 22.

Michael Alexander Byrd, 8672 Thorte, Livonia, will face arraignment on charges of armed robbery and committing a felony with a gun, Tuesday in Farmington, according to Farmington Police.

Three persons were herded into the backroom of the Farmington store, last Monday by a young man carrying a revolver, according to police.

ALTHOUGH the man took \$318 in cash from a floor safe and a cash register, the three witnesses were unharmed.

Byrd, 28, is being held by Westland Police in Wayne County Jail in connection with two incidents of armed robbery in that city. He will be arraigned in Wayne County Monday.

The description of the robber, a

man with cuts on his face, led Farmington police to question the Westland suspect, who is wanted in connection with an armed robbery in Taylor. Police dispatcher Mary Crane matched the description of the Lawson's robber with that of the suspect.

The robbery of the Farmington Lawson's was the most recent in a series of five hold-ups of Detroit area stores in that chain.

Edwards talks energy

The North Farmington Kiwanis Club is presenting James Edwards of the Mobil Oil Corporation as a guest speaker, August 30.

Edwards will speak on the "Energy Situation—What kind is W needed." The Kiwanis meet Tuesdays at noon at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Twelve Mile and Farmington Road. Bob Bergstrom is the chairman for the program.

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