

today's hot line

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To find out what's going on at the Farmington Community Center, Kendalwood, Wood Creek Farms and all around Farmington be sure to read each page of your hometown newspaper.

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Mood Of Easter

A holiday in Farmington wouldn't be complete without photographer Fran Evert capturing the mood through her lens. The Farmington Enterprise & Observer today offers the mood of Easter as seen through a camera.

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A War Begins

On today's local editorial page, Daniels Den tells how the mail strike marked the beginning of war. Letters from our readers include a good word for our police, and discussion of the mail strike and apartments.

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Two Farmington women long identified with community service have a new honor. The story is in the women's section.

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A Look At The Master

If you haven't heard about the Rembrandt exhibit in the Detroit Art Institute you must have just moved into town. Observer News Editor Tim Richard visited the exhibit and filed a highly personalized report on the work of the master.

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Normalcy, Mailmen Return As Carrier Walkout Ends

Postal operations in Farmington returned to normal Wednesday after a four-day strike by the Farmington branch of the National Letter Carriers Association (NLCA).

Maurice Dever, superintendent of mail for Farmington, said the flow of mail was about normal after the short period of nation-wide mail carrier strikes.

Mail is being accepted for all points, he said, but mail to certain sections of New York City is being placed into a temporary routing system.

CARRIERS and others who respected the union's picket line reported for work Wednesday morn-

ing, Dever said. There was no large backlog of mail, he added.

The picket line near the Farmington Post Office at 3300 Slocum dissolved about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dever said. About a dozen carriers from the 70-member local picketed the office Monday and Tuesday.

Only one clerk crossed the picket line to work the two days.

Both clerks and carriers who struck lost their pay for those days.

Collections at boxes began Tuesday evening, Dever said, and home deliveries Wednesday. The

embargo on mail to areas with zip codes beginning with 480 and 482 also ended Tuesday night.

THE ONLY adjustments made are for mail headed into New York City, Dever said. An area in Manhattan and the Bronx was reported without service. Mail for that area has been routed through Buffalo, N.Y.

The superintendent of Farmington's mail said he hopes Congress will take the strike to heart and act on the carriers' grievances.

"It was not fear of the use of troops but realization of what they were doing to the country that brought them back to work," Dever commented on the carriers' return.



SEES GROWTH - George Roy, who now has his feet wet as president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, sees tremendous retail and industrial growth for Farmington in the future. (Evert photo)

Ray Sees Bright Business Future

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Speaking as a Farmington merchant and as president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, George Roy, former owner of Ray Interiors, says:

"I can see nothing but tremendous growth for Farmington, both retail and industry. Farmington has so much potential. And its location adjacent to the metropolitan area has already attracted much business and industry.

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Grievance May Reach Arbitration

Roger Allen, president of the Farmington Education Association (FEA), said there is a "very good chance" the bargaining unit will request binding arbitration on grievances recently denied by the Farmington Board of Education.

Binding arbitration of grievances is a new feature of the 1967-70 contract between the teachers and the district. If arbitration is sought, it will be the first grievance handled under the new procedure.

THE FEA grievance concerns payment of teachers for extra duties at junior high schools.

The district has been paying rates varying from \$2 to \$4 per event for such duties as acting as official scorers at basketball games. The FEA claims their contract calls for \$5.25 per hour for any extra duty by teachers.

The district bases its reply on the argument that teachers should be paid at \$5.25 per hour only when the authority of the school is needed at the activity. If the task can be performed by someone other than a teacher, the district policy says, a lesser rate of pay can be used.

The FEA says teachers at East Junior High were paid \$2

per event for wrestling and basketball activities and Farmington Junior High teachers were paid \$4 per basketball game.

In addition, the FEA claims a directive issued by Supt. Roderick Smith conflicts with their contract by setting up a schedule of payments less than \$5.25 per hour.

THE BOARD of Education acknowledged the payment of \$2 per event at East Junior High was incorrect but said the superintendent's directive on extra duty pay ended that grievance.

The \$4 per event rate at Farmington Junior High was in line with the new policy, the board said, in denying that grievance.

The board also recognized the grievance concerning wrestling supervision at East Junior High but said the procedure was at fault for restricting the extra duty to teachers.

The final grievance, that the superintendent's new extra duty payment policy violates the contract, was denied.

ALLEN SAYS the district's interpretation of the contract is "gross misunderstanding." He said the new policy sets up numerous pay rates for extra

duty, "seemingly depending on the administrator involved."

The FEA president said the school board's action "didn't take me by utter surprise." The FEA has never won a grievance since collective bargaining began, he said.

Aldo Vagnozzi, secretary of the school board, was the only member who disagreed with denial of the grievances.

He said he disagreed entirely with denying the grievance, concerning the rate of pay at Farmington Junior High basketball games and partially with the denial that the superintendent's pay policy conflicted with the contract.

Parts of the superintendent's recommendations might be a violation of the contract if implemented, Vagnozzi said.

VAGNOZZI ALSO commented the language of the policy is vague on what constitutes supervisory assignments.

"It might come back to us several times before the end of the year," he said.

The board secretary also said the grievance procedure could be improved. He said teacher representatives should not be asked to leave the room while the administration presents its case.



DEATH TO LANDLUBBERS - Mrs. Marion McCracken's fifth and sixth graders provided the necessary blood-dripping atmosphere for their March 10 presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance." Gilbert and Sullivan has become an annual spring feature in Eagle School. This year's production was anchored by a blow-up photo of Queen Victoria. From left are: Ray Arning, the pirate king; Jo Anne Mendelsohn, Ruth, the nursemaid; and Danny Sirko, the police sergeant. (Evert photo)

FHS Students Win 8 Superior Awards

Farmington High School orchestra and band students turned in several outstanding performances at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in Drayton Plains. Eight of the 14 Farmington entries received first division (superior) ratings in the festival which was held for all first division winners from the districts.

Nationally recognized music educators and instrumental specialists from the Midwest awarded a total of 25 medals to students from Farmington

exceptionally fine performances at the state level. The performances were graded for tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, interpretation, selection of music, and general effect.

In addition to grades, written comments were made about the performances by the adjudicators. Prof. Elizabeth A.-J. Green of the University of Michigan commented on the FHS string trio, "Nice violin playing—good smoothness in the bass—and conscientious work in the piano." The nation-

ally known string educator and author noted, "This is a fine group."

First division soloists for Farmington were: Mary Miller, clarinet; Patti Mascoe, bass clarinet; Lee Friedrich, alto saxophone; Debbie Tomchak, French horn; and Marcia Walck, piano. Gary Haverkate and Marcia Walck accompanied the winners.

Top place ratings in ensemble performances went to Paul Kubitzky and Steve Weber, brass duet; Njney

Kamm, Karen Samra and Lisa Bucher, string trio, assisted by Cheryl DeYoung, pianist; and Gary Haverkate, Lee Friedrich, Tom Hurst and Dick Luker, saxophone quartet. "Solo and ensemble playing requires such a high degree of maturity and sensitivity, as well as top quality musicianship," commented George N. Heller, FHS music instructor. "I am especially pleased that so many Farmington High students were so highly rated at the state festival."