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Sports Editor George Maskin ranks North Farmington the top prep grid team in all Observerland. And he tells you how the Raiders struggled to earn their coveted rating.

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Between The Lines

Can an operating budget which is \$2 million higher than the previous year be described as an austere budget? Yes, but you must read between the lines of the budget and not just check the totals. An analysis inside tells why the operating budget is austere for Farmington public schools.

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People, Not Persons

Today's Daniels Den bids farewell to two Farmington Area public officials who are leaving — Curtis Hall and George Vondrak. The farewell contains this newspaper's philosophy that our purpose is to serve people, not persons.

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Thanksgiving

All Observer Newspapers offices will be closed next Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

DISPLAY advertising for the edition of Nov. 28-29 must be made by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

NEWS deadline for next weekend's edition is also at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Submit your items as early as possible—don't wait until the last minute.

CLASSIFIED ads for next weekend's edition will be accepted until 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27. Again, please don't wait until the last minute.

And have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day!

DYNAMIC LOCAL sports coverage makes one newspaper different from another...

Read this dynamic difference on today's SPORTS PAGES



Teeples Assumes Office; 'Big Dad' Now A Leader

By LYNNE LUTHER

Mention "Earl Teeples" to anyone in Farmington Township and be prepared for every response from lauds to lessons.

A balding red-haired giant of a man resembling actor George C. ("Patton") Scott, Farmington Township's new supervisor is no pushover.

TEEPLES RODE to easy victory over incumbent Supervisor Curtis Hall after one of the biggest blowups in township history.

Teeples was charged with violating police regulations in 1968 after reporting the beating of a prisoner by fellow officers to the county prosecutor before going through police channels.

He was consequently re-galed, suspended and spurred by some fellow officers while hundreds of township residents cheered his vindication and urged him to run for the supervisor job. Now the sign in the township office reads "Earl Teeples, Supervisor."

Is he bitter?

"No, not really. But I think

we should get on with the work at hand.

His story is no more unusual than any other Farmington Township resident's, although a life style of "helping people" led him into the police force in the first place and made a gathering spot of his home.

A WALK INTO his world

could leave some people wondering how he does it.

Criticism against his actions in 1968 only warranted an "I don't regret being honest" response, although he says it's a "big relief" to have it all over with.

He's "big dad" to five children at the old farmstead home at 30155 14 Mile Road. He probably knows more about conservation than most people here and, in fact, claims a Farmington pioneer among his ancestors — his great uncle Joe.

Earl and wife Jane raised five little Teeples who aren't so little anymore — three sons, a daughter and a stepson.

One is an executive at Disneyland; another is with the U.S. Army Green Berets; another is a sophomore at Central Michigan University; still another is earning leading roles in dramatics at North Farmington High School; the last, his only girl, is pretty, blonde, 15-year-old Judy. A second-stepson was killed on tour with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Earl, as he likes to be called, beams and booms about how proud he is of all the kids. A creative man, he has an old brick combination basement-photo lab-library which holds some precious records.

Files on practically every person he has associated with are stashed there; along with pictures and folders full of information as souvenirs of certain legal cases he has worked on during 14 years on the force.

Each folder is titled, like the one on "My Mother's Children" which traces the history of his parents' immediate family.

He keeps "Body, Mind and Soul" files for all the children — "Their Body" files has all vital physical statistics like birth certificate and vaccine records; their "Soul" file has baptismal, confirmation and communion records and all their report cards are in the "Mind" file," he says.

A separate file is started when each boy enters the service, and all files are handed over as each one marries "so they can start writing their own history."

Teeples operates his own lending library from the basement where he has everything from collector's items of "Michigan Reports" (law cases in Michigan dating back to the early 1800s) and "American Jurisprudence" to Hymen Kadatz's "Parent and Child," "Abnormal Psychology," "First Aid" and

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GARBAGE COVERS the front of an abandoned car in her yard because "no one from the township has bothered to come out and collect it for at least the past four months," charges Mrs. Marilyn Gen-

dron, of 21121 Waldron in Section 36. The township sponsors monthly garbage pick-up service. (Fran, Everett photo)

Moms Band Together To Raise Standards

By LYNNE LUTHER

In an attempt to unmask the face of poverty in the Farmington Area, extensive interviews have been held with mothers living in the township's low income area.

Who are the people like? Who would raise children in rat-infested homes? Why would anyone live there?

These were the questions, and although there is no simple answer, the mothers were quick to cite the "fabulous" school system in Farmington as a plus factor.

"If our kids get a good enough education, then some-

Following is the second in a series of articles by Lynne Luther examining problems in Section 36 of Farmington Township. Today's and Wednesday's reports include comments from a group of mothers living there who have organized in an attempt to improve conditions.)

day they won't have to live in a place like this," they answer.

MOST MOTHERS in the depressed area concurred and went on to tell of the "vicious circle" most families find themselves in.

Mrs. Marilyn Gendron, mother of seven children at 21121 Waldron, tells the Far-

mington Enterprise & Observer:

"The problem of low income, uneducated people is that the men work twice as hard as anyone else and get less money."

"They get sick, then either cannot afford doctor bills or can't afford to take the time off work."

SHE WAS among a group of mothers involved in the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Mothers Club sponsored by the Oakland County OEO.

The mothers meet in the small home of Mrs. Jeanette Trisdale of 28700 Independence in Farmington Township's Section 36.

"We're sick and tired of living in houses that are so poorly built that rats can chew through the basement walls," Mrs. Gendron says.

Most of the women interviewed live in houses similar to Mrs. Trisdale's, with sur-

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City Hearings Set Dec. 7

Three public hearings have been set for the Dec. 7 meeting of the Farmington City Council.

The hearings, slated to begin at 8 p.m. in city hall, are for: Necessity for a storm drain for Bel-Aire shopping center; projected costs for the Farmington-Freedom Rds. storm drainage project; and for a rezoning request for an office project at 33506 State St.

CITY ENGINEERS have proposed a small storm drainage project for Bel-Aire shopping center which is located at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds.

City Manager John Dinan explains that adequate storm drainage was never provided when the shopping center was first allowed to locate.

As a result, said Dinan, there is presently a health menace existing because of rats gathering near the alleys at the center.

The drainage project is estimated to cost a total of \$20,000 with payments being made over a 10-year period. Only the owners of property within the shopping center will participate in the special assessment district.

The city and surrounding residential property owners will not participate in the cost, Dinan said.

A badly deteriorated privacy wall along the western border of the shopping center will be torn down as part of the project, explains Dinan, and replaced by a four-foot masonry wall.

A storm hearing will be held Dec. 7 with owners of property in Bel-Aire center invited to attend.

A NECESSITY hearing has already been held for the proposed storm drainage project on Freedom east to Nine Mile and on Farmington Rd. between Freedom and Alta Loma.

The Dec. 7 hearing will be to establish a special assessment district and furnish cost estimates including the assessments for individual property owners.

A third hearing for Dec. 7 will be to air a request from Dr. Gordon Fishman to rezone to office four lots on State St. immediately west of the Farmer Jack's supermarket on Farmington Rd.

Fishman wants to construct four small office buildings on the four lots which are now zoned for single-family residential.

The planning commission has reviewed Fishman's plans and recommends to the council approval of the rezoning.

Schoolcraft Picks New President

By BOB McCLELLAN

A new president has been appointed for Schoolcraft Community College.

He is Dr. C. Nelson Grote, currently dean of applied sciences and technology at Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky.

Grote, 42, was awarded a three-year contract Wednesday by the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

His salary will be \$30,000 a year.

THE BOARD vote to hire Grote was unanimous with the exception of Trustee James Boswell, who again was absent.

Grote's three-year contract will run from July 1, 1971, to June 30, 1974.

He will succeed Dr. Eric J. Bradaer, who is retiring from his post after 10 years at the helm of Schoolcraft.

Brader has been the college's only president.

Grote taught at the college and secondary level, and has spent 10 years as a college administrator.

In a recent assignment, he planned the new \$3 million Appalachia Institute.

From 1966 to 1968 he was director of industrial education for the Kentucky State Dept. of Education. He has also served as president of the American Vocational Assn.

GROTE earned a PhD in

education from University of Illinois in 1960 and master's degree from University of Missouri in 1955. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.

Grote and his wife, Wilma, have four children. They are Carol, 17, Janice, 15, Mark, 6, and Steven, 4.

Family hobbies include music, travel and active sports.

Says Grote: "The community college movement

represents the 'new frontier' in higher education and provides an extraordinary environment conducive to innovative program development and creative teaching."

Grote was chosen for the Schoolcraft post from a list of more than 200 applicants.

His appointment was made after a 10-month search by a committee composed of alumni, students, faculty, administration, trustees and members of the Schoolcraft Foundation.



C. NELSON GROTE
New President