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City Will Pave

The City of Farmington has taken that important step of awarding bids for its 1971 street improvement program. Before the year ends, newly paved roads should be enjoyed by the residents along Gill Rd. and all motorists driving downtown will be making use of the leg of Shawassee between Farmington Rd. and Grand River.

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Earth Week Here

Earth Week began Monday with a teach-in in Farmington Township Hall and will end Saturday with an all-day operation of the recycling center on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Details on Saturday's project are reported inside along with instructions on how to prepare glass containers, cans and newspapers for disposal.

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Who's Coming

The Farmington Town Hall has set up four exciting speakers for the 1971-72 year. Find out who they are in our Women's Section.

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Danger Up North

A longtime woodsman sees a danger unrelated to oil when he thinks of a pipeline going through Alaska. His worries were mentioned in his Farmington Town Hall appearance, and the story is in today's paper.

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KISS ME KATE — Harrison Howell, played by John North, and Lorraine Manz (Louise Lane) share a tender moment in "Kiss Me Kate," to be presented by the FHS drama and music departments beginning April 29. Turn inside for story and photographic coverage. (Ralph Evert photo)



SHOWDOWN — Fifth graders enjoyed putting on "Pinafore" by Gilbert & Sullivan recently at Ten Mile Elementary School of Farmington Public Schools. In the scene shown, Ralph and Deadeye "put up their dukes" for a

showdown while the admiral watches. From left: Harvey Binroth (Ralph); Glen Albrant (the admiral); and Mark Donovan (Deadeye). (Fran Evert photo)

City Lifts Ban On Burning For 30 Days

The burning ban in the City of Farmington will be lifted for 30 days on an experimental basis beginning this week. The temporary lifting of the ban is to test what effect it will have on the volume of rubbish pickup.

Prompting the decision has been an unusually high volume of rubbish, 20 to 30 plastic bags at some homes, which the city has trouble hauling away on schedule.

THE CITY COUNCIL took the action Monday night after adopting a resolution proclaiming April 19 through May 15 as Cleanup, Paintup, Fixup Weeks.

After councilmen approved the proclamation, Councilman John Allen suggested the burning ban be lifted for the same period, April 19 through May 15.

Farmington is suffering from pollution of a different type, Allen said, because the city is having trouble picking up rubbish on time and it's piling up.

Pickups are now one to two days late, Allen continued, and rubbish collectors have increased by 50% since the burning ban was enacted last year to curb air pollution.

All outside burning will still have to be done in a closed container while the ban is lifted. Fires producing ash or other nuisances will still be prohibited.

City Manager John Dinan commented that last month the city was picking up eight or nine truckloads of rubbish a day compared to three to four loads a year ago. Dinan estimated that about 25% of the volume now collected contains burnable materials.

"I don't think people will bother to burn brush or twigs when the city will pick up for them," Councilman John Richardson commented.

Councilman Fred Siebert suggested more confusion might result after May 15 if the ban is restored and residents don't observe the ban after a month's freedom to burn outside.

Allen said the city is going broke with its rubbish collection program, and something must be tried. Allen's motion to lift the ban was supported by Ralph Yoder and passed 5-0.

The Natural Resources Dept. "We believe this is an excellent example of how these federal and state programs do aid local communities in providing necessary facilities," commented Dinan.

AS A FURTHER preparation for the May 15 opening, the council approved expenditure of \$1,300 for a mower to keep the sodded fields in shape. A used Jeep costing \$500 was also approved to pull the mower.

In other action, the council accepted the resignation of George Crooks as electrical inspector and appointed Rex Jernigan as his replacement.

Crooks had been inspector for the city for more than 15 years but has retired because of poor health. Jernigan, also inspector for Farmington Township, has been acting electrical inspector for the city over the past eight or nine months.

Rag Dolls Can Now Be Sent

Farmington residents sewing rag dolls for Vietnam orphans can start mailing packages again.

The project stopped temporarily when Marine Staff Sgt. John Burns of Farmington was transferred from Vietnam to Cherry Point in North Carolina.

A letter from Burns about the need for dolls for children in an orphanage near Da Nang was printed in December by the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

A large number of dolls have been sent over and packages can again be sent because a forwarding address has been obtained.

Those wanting to send dolls should mail them in care of the Band Officer, H&HS-1 Wing Band, U.S. Marine Corps, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96302.

The deliveries are being made to the Crest Beach Orphanage which houses about 70 boys and 70 girls. Toys such as marbles and frisbees may be sent the boys.

How You Can Prevent Breakins

By LINDA BOYD

Don't go on vacation this summer or out to dinner tonight without taking some elementary precautions against burglars. More and more in Farmington persons returning from a vacation or a night out are finding their homes ransacked with valuables missing.

"We have an increasingly high number of breaking and enterings in homes in this area," Farmington Judge Michael Hand said. "Some homes are hit three and four times."

a 30 per cent increase of breakings in 1970.

"If you are going out for the evening, don't leave the usual light in the living room on," Farmington City Public Safety Director Robert Deadman said. "A common burglar technique to determine if anyone is home is to knock at the front door. "If someone answers, the burglar will ask for a fictitious person or directions, and if no one answers he will assume no one is home. However, when a light is on in the bath or basement, the burglar might think the occupants can not hear his knock or are indisposed and thus might not answer the door.

"It's unnerving for a burglar to break in and hear noise.

"Leave the outside lights on. The better lighted the outside is, the less inviting to a burglar.

"Good locks on doors and windows are a must. Square bolts are good because they can not be wedged or jimmed open," Deadman said. "A sliding glass door is usually easily jimmed, so put a length of pipe or wood in the track so it can not be opened."

"LOTS OF PEOPLE are going to an alarm system," Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes said. "If there is a burglary or fire, an

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SECRETARIES MEET — About 80 members of the Farmington Association of Educational Secretaries (FAES) of Farmington Public Schools attended the group's annual workshop held recently in Farmington Senior High. Barbara McIntosh (left), fashion and grooming coordinator for Sak's Fifth Avenue, gives tips on eye make-up to Myrtle Zimmerman, FAES general chairman. (Evert photo)