

today's hot line

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THE FARMINGTON

Saturday's Blast

Michigan Week in Farmington will begin with a big blast Saturday, Community Pride Day, with an awards breakfast in the morning followed by dedication of the Drake Road Park and official opening of the South Farmington Little League season. Details on the first day and reports of what to expect for each day of Michigan Week are given inside.

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Posture Needed?

The Farmington Board of Education has authorized obtaining a loan of \$2 million to insure employees are paid before anticipated revenues are collected and instructed a position paper to be written on the board's posture on the Family Life Education programs. A FLE position paper might be needed — as you can see by reading conflicting views from our letter writers.

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The Mental Effects

Having an abortion is a lot more complicated, mentally, than having one's tonsils out. In the second of a two-part series, Kathy Moran talks to doctors on the mental effects that abortion has, not only on a woman but on society.

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Remap Tangle

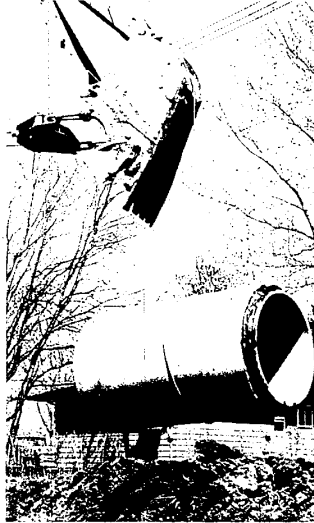
As a constitutional issue, "one-man, one-vote" for community colleges is a fairly simple issue. But for Schoolcraft and Oakland County community colleges, it is turning into a tangle of conflicting legislative bills and court fights.

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YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, LADY.

For up-to-the-minute coverage of what the Observerland women is doing in the '70s, read today's WOMEN'S PAGES.



STORM RELIEF — Construction is under way for the large storm drainage project for the west side of Farmington Rd. between Freedom and Alta Loma in the City of Farmington. The project, being done by D. & L. Construction Co., will also provide relief for Alta Loma subdivision and frontage on Nine Mile, Freedom and Farmington Rd. The \$175,000 project is expected to be completed by the first of June. The pipe being laid above is in the vicinity of Nine Mile and Power Rd. (Evert photo)

Tree's Safe Temporarily

By EMORY DANIELS
A relative newcomer to Farmington obtained a court injunction Sunday to prevent the removal of one of the community's oldest senior citizens.

The newcomer has lived in Farmington about 16 months and experts estimate the senior citizen has been around between 200-300 years.

THE ELDER is actually not a citizen, but a tree. The giant maple is said to be at least 200 years old and was scheduled to be removed this week as preparation for the paving of Gill Rd. in the City of Farmington.

Richard Klingman of 2308 Gill obtained the injunction Sunday from Oakland County Circuit Judge Farrell Roberts. The court order prevents the city from removing the tree until a show cause hearing is held May 19 in Pontiac.

The tree is located on the city right-of-way in front of Klingman's home. Klingman obtained the injunction with the help of his attorney, James E. Wells.

Wells is defense attorney for Dr. Ronald E. Clark, former Farmington Township physician convicted of manslaughter and now awaiting trial on a second manslaughter charge.

A number of adults, including neighbors, also joined the demonstration which totaled about 130 persons. Also present Monday morning were City Manager John Dinan, Councilman Ralph Yoder, Director of Public Services David L. Jones and other city officials.

Dinan says city engineers have been instructed to determine the feasibility and cost of a plan which would allow the tree to remain. The alternate involved putting an enclosed storm drain for about 300 feet around Klingman's property.

The city has sold bonds to pave Gill from Grand River to the southern city limits. Storm drainage will be improved, but it is the city's intent to leave the present deep drainage ditches along Gill open.

THE DEMONSTRATION was organized by Mrs. Sally Hoffman, a neighbor of Klingman's who has been working closely with him to save the tree.

A naturalist present at Monday morning's demonstration says the tree may have been used as an Indian marker years back, Klingman says, and is estimated to be between 200 and 300 years old.

Klingman, who works for U.N. Alloy Steel in Dearborn, said the tree is healthy and has no diseased branches. Construction workers are now at Grand River and Gill, he explains, and so it became necessary to act fast because trees are being removed by other workers before the drain work begins.

He notes that on Monday about 120 inches in circumference trees and shrubs were removed on properties on both sides of his home, but nothing was touched in front of his residence.

"I hate to see a tree of this age and magnitude be cut down in the name of progress because none of the later generations can enjoy it," he said. "This would be terrible."

Township Board Fires Patrolman

Patrolman Noah Wormack, a principal in the Godwin-Kephart shooting last fall, was fired Monday by the Farmington Township Board.

His dismissal was requested by Police Chief Irving Yakes on grounds of Wormack's failure to report for duty.

WORMACK, who joined the force in July 1970, was suspended April 22 after being AWOL since April 13, records showed. He failed to take advantage of a 10-day appeal period.

Wormack was one of four township policemen who answered a domestic trouble call at the residence of Eldon Kephart last Aug. 30 which

resulted in Kephart's being fatally shot. Cpl. Thomas Godwin was later charged with second degree murder in the case, but the charges were dismissed by District Judge John C. Seiler of Wayne.

Wormack, who also had fired a shot at the scene of the Kephart shooting, came into prominence when he secured a Federal Court injunction restraining the township from "interfering" with his "civil rights."

The injunction later was dissolved by Federal District Judge Ralph Freeman, who also denied Wormack's request for a contempt citation against Chief Yakes.

WORMACK HAD received township board approval to refuse to make a statement to the Oakland County prosecutor's office on grounds of possible self-incrimination. He went to court after Yakes ordered him to attend a meeting in his office with a Michigan State police lieutenant and suspended him for failure to do so.

The judge found that Wormack's civil rights would not have been violated simply by attending a meeting and that the township board action indicated his rights were not being violated.

IN OTHER actions Monday: The board decided to seek a

meeting with Howard Bond, Quakertown village attorney, and interested residents to seek agreeable means of studying alternate routes for extension of the Ten Mile Rouge interceptor sewer arm in place of the presently designed route through Quaker Valley.

Board members balked at footing all of an estimated \$8,900 cost for professional studies and engineering field work on an alternate route.

After considering a 1 1/2 discussion, the board tabled for two weeks consideration of a request by residents of Springbrook subdivision that \$40,000 be kept back by the township from the Sivier Construction Corp. until sewer construction there is "satisfactorily completed."

The board overturned Planning Commission denial of a request by Fred Scott that 0.3 acre of land abutting his Steelcrete Co. plant at 12 Mile and Halsted be rezoned from residential to general business.

The board also approved a new SDD (package liquor) license for Abdelnour A. Abdelmour to be held in conjunction with his SDM (beer-wine takeout) licensed business at 21099 Farmington Road and approved a Class C (liquor-by-the-glass) license for Vladimirs, Inc., at 28125 Grand River.

It also approved a new year's Class C license for Wing Sun Hong, 31345 Orchard Lake Road, to be amended to the name Wing Hong, Inc.

Supervisor Earl Teeples reported disgruntlement in Quakertown over township failure to pick up its rubbish, but was told by Joseph P. Brennan, township attorney, that this was the only township service not provided Quakertown despite the fact that all its local taxes are not returned to the township.

Teeples offered to meet with residents to determine cost of rubbish pickup service on the chance the cost may be slight enough that Quakertown would be willing to pay for it.

The board also agreed to meet an hour early, at 7 p.m., May 24, to hear a presentation from Rap Line officials preliminary to acting on a request for more operating funds for the drug abuse prevention group.

Deadline Is May 14 For Voters

Deadline for registration to vote on a proposed 4.5 (\$4.50 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) mill increase in school taxes for Farmington Public Schools is May 14.

Anyone wanting to register can do so at both Farmington township and city halls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 14.

The township hall is located at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake and the city hall at 23600 Liberty, West Bloomfield Township hall is at 44600 Orchard Lake Rd., Orchard Lake.

The Farmington Board of Education is asking voter approval of the 4.5 mill tax hike to help meet a projected \$17 million 1971-72 operating budget, says Business Administrator William Prisk.

Prisk says the \$17 million figure entails restoration of programs such as athletic activities, some music and art consultants and shortened hours for counselors and librarians.



GIVEN INJUNCTION — Farmington City Manager John Dinan (left) is read the court injunction preventing removal of the large maple on Gill Rd. before a hearing May 19 in Oakland Circuit Court. Reading is Richard Klingman, the resident who requested the injunction, with his wife watching at the right. (Fran Evert photo)



THE DEMONSTRATION — Students from Farmington Senior High mill around near the tree they would like to save and demonstrated early Monday morning to protest its scheduled removal. Mrs. Sally Hoffman (center) of Gill Rd., Farmington, organized the demonstration and is shown talking with Richard Klingman, the man who lives nearest the tree. (Evert photo)