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## today's hot line

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### Spook Advice

Halloween is almost upon us and this week advice is given to parents by Ronald Holko, Farmington Township's director of public safety. Police will try to keep children safe, he says, but parents should know where their children are.

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### Beauty & Veterans

Farmington Township has given awards to those who have helped make the community a more beautiful place to live and work in. A list of these winners are reported inside along with commentary by Daniels Den on Veterans' Day, 1971.

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### Social Concerns

Topics concerned people are thinking about are scheduled in a series beginning soon in St. Gerald Catholic Church. Find out what they are on our Church Section.

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### Working Cards

You can put your Christmas card money to work in a good cause, and our Church Section will show you how. There's a wide variety of cards available to support charitable organizations, and you can take your pick.

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### Social Drinking

A seminar going on at the Northwest YWCA takes a new look at the problem of alcoholism in society today. After reading the story in our Women's Section, you may want to catch the remaining sessions.

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HIGH STEPPERS in the Harrison High School Marching Band performed for the first time in Farmington at the school's football game Saturday in their new uniforms. The natty black costumes with green and gold accents and white spats were purchased with funds from the Harrison Band and Orchestra Boosters' special "All Sports and Variety Show" held this

past summer and funds from the Farmington Schools building and site fund which allows for equipping a school. A second annual "Band-O-Rama" featuring symphony, concert, orchestra and marching bands will give everyone a chance to hear their music Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m. in the school. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students. (Evert photo)

## School Board Will Visit Area Vocational Center

The Farmington Board of Central, Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Harrison now has its first senior class. The board also voted to join as co-sponsor with the City of Farmington in the senior citizens' activity program; to study the feasibility of holding a single baccalaureate service for all three high school graduating classes rather than one at each school; to move ahead with printing and distributing the newly adopted Student Code of Conduct; and to hire five teachers under the Federal Emergency Employment Act. Beyond the academic area, the board also approved purchase of a coin sorter and counter to handle funds from the school cafeterias and prepare the money for bank deposit.

Under past procedure, the task has required the services of one person for seven hours per day. Business Manager William Pjisk reported. A test of the counting machine has

resulted in the need for the service of one person for only 4 1/2 hours per day, he said, and the savings would pay for the machine in one year.

The wage difference between the longer and short day figures at \$1,296, Pjisk said, and the cost of the machine at \$1,320.

He gave the life of the machine at 20 years.

THE WALLED LAKE center is one of four county vocational education facilities which students attend for part of the day, spending the rest at their home high schools.

Some 190 Farmington students are now attending the Walled Lake Center, according to Earl Baumunk, director of vocational education.

A public open house will be announced shortly, he said. The Nov. 2 open house is intended for members of boards of education.

Baumunk, who was active in planning and developing the center, called it "exciting."

"It turns you on, as the kids say," Baumunk told the board.

The curriculum now is programmed in 16 different areas and 13 are now operating, he said. They include medical and dental assistants, horticulture, welding, machine shop and other vocations.

The center has had a "crescendo" effect among students, Baumunk said, with "almost no negative reaction."

ONLY RIPPLE in progress of the board meeting came with discussion of the student conduct code, and student's "last ditch appeal to defeat it."

Mike Spiece, last year's vice president and chairman of the rules committee at East Junior High, said in a statement that, even with the new code, he expects a "continuation of the current unfair, inefficient way discipline has been carried out."

## NAG Chapter Fact-Finder Urges Boycott Joins Talks

A state fact-finder has been chosen in the stymied Farmington School wage negotiations, but there is no indication how soon he will be on the job.

Named as fact-finder was Dallas Jones, professor of business administration at the University of Michigan Graduate School.

He was picked from a list of names submitted by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to the school administration and the Farmington Education Assn. (FEA), the teachers' union.

The FEA, which had planned a strike vote Oct. 4, asked for fact-finding instead on recommendation of a Michigan Education Assn. (MEA) investigating team which visited the district to scout the contract situation.

The teachers agreed to accept the fact finder's recommendation and to give the board of education 48 hours in which to agree to its terms before they went on strike.

The board has refused to be bound in advanced by the fact finder's decision.

force out of the House Action Committee Bill 620 which calls for a U.S. constitutional amendment providing that students shall not, because of race, creed or color, be assigned or required to attend a public school.

MEANWHILE, another anti-bussing group is circulating petitions in Farmington stating it is the right of the people to establish local school districts and autonomy of these districts is a fundamental right.

This petition states bussing to obtain integration is contrary to the rights of the people and adds that all powers not specifically delegated to the federal government in the U.S. Constitution belong to the people.

Copies of this petition have been delivered to the Farmington Township clerk's office to be available in case residents want to pick some up to circulate for signatures.

Persons circulating this petition planned to work at Topp's Shopping Center in Farmington Township this weekend.

## Decision On College Due Nov. 2

The Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals has announced it will make a final decision on site plans for the proposed John Wesley College at its Nov. 2 meeting.

The board met Tuesday, Oct. 19, for 2 1/2 hours to continue the public hearing on site plans for the private college on a 70-acre site on Eight Mile between Halstead and Drake Rds.

shouldn't be allowed in a residential area.

A board member explained that any church or educational institution was a permitted use on residentially zoned property and only site-plan approval was required.

Shamie said another objection was that the property would be removed from the township's tax rolls if used for the college.

TUESDAY NIGHT the board heard comments from residents, including objections from Heather Hills and Meadowbrook Hills residents and favorable comments from Farmington clergymen.

The college is being planned by the John Wesley Foundation, headed by Dr. Kenneth Armstrong of Farmington, which owns and controls Owosso College, Owosso, Michigan.

Armstrong plans to build dormitories to house between 200 and 250 unmarried students who would take moral-value-type classes on campus and enroll in nearby state universities to take academic classes towards a degree.

Principal spokesman in opposition Tuesday night was George R. Shamie, Jr., a resident of Heather Hills subdivision and a Livonia CPA.

SHAMIE SAID he was adamantly opposed to the college's location and questioned whether the foundation was a legitimate organization.

Douglas Mann, ZBA chairman, replied that Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan checked the legal status of the foundation with the attorney general's office and the foundation does have the proper state charter authorizing it to operate a college.

Shamie then said he had reservations about the foundation's fund-raising program, claiming donors were being given free term life-insurance in turn for making tax-deductible donations.

Shamie also charged that the 250 students attending the college would create a traffic hazard along Nine Mile and added he felt a college

ANOTHER resident projected the 70 acres could be developed to contain 85 single-family homes with an estimated value of \$5.5 million or a tax base of \$2.75 million.

Fred Lichtman, ZBA member, commented that the \$2.75 million removed from the tax rolls would involve only about \$11,000 per year in income to the township.

School tax revenues should not be counted, he added, because the added cost to the school system, from a school age-children a subdivision would produce, would offset the added revenue.

A resident from Meadowbrook Hills subdivision, which is located near Eight Mile and Halstead, opposed the proposal stating the township didn't need a second college.

THREE LOCAL ministers, including a Lutheran pastor and Catholic priest, spoke up in favor of the college being allowed to be developed.

Before his Nov. 2 meeting, board members will be checking to see whether the college would be subject to special assessments for water, sewer and road improvements.

Dr. Armstrong has told the township the foundation, will accept its full share of assessments for water, sewer and roads.

Board members will also ask the township's planning consultant, Claude Coates, what effect the college would have on the surrounding residential areas.

Site plan approval has been recommended by the planning commission by a 4-3 split vote.

Lichtman says the ZBA's authority is limited to determine whether the proposed facility would be injurious to the environs.



TOURS PLANT — About 30 members of the graphic arts class at Farmington Senior High spent 90 minutes Wednesday, Oct. 20, touring the offices and printing facilities of Observer Newspapers Inc., at Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia. They are shown watching the paper webs, waiting for the unit to automatically splice the outgoing web onto the expiring web at full press speed. (Observer photo)



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