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# Orchard Lake, I-696 Signal Promised Within 3 Months

Farmington area motorists will receive a nice red Valentine from the Oakland Farmington Enterprise & County Road Commission around Feb. 14. Actually, the Valentine will be red, green and yellow.

The greetings from the county to motorists will be installed within 90 days, giving a completion target date near Feb. 14.

THE SIGNAL had been requested by Farmington Township and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Van Roekel, county highway engineer, told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer last week that installation is a "certainty."

The chamber studied the intersection of I-696 and Orchard Lake, because traffic often backs up on the westbound exit ramp causing hazards. Another traffic hazard has been automobiles coming off both exit ramps and attempting to turn left onto Orchard Lake.

The chamber has advised that a full cloverleaf interchange is needed at the intersection and asked that, in the interim, traffic signals be installed at both exit ramps as a temporary measure.

"There isn't and has not been any question in our minds about the desirability of putting lights at both ramp exits," said Van Roekel.

HE EXPLAINED that the county has been negotiating with the State Highway Commission on beginning work on the cloverleaf and was using the traffic signals as a wedge.

"We were hoping to get state approval on the additional ramp improvements and we, in turn, would then agree to provide the traffic signals."

"If we proceeded earlier with the signals, the traffic bottleneck will be temporarily relieved and the state might feel less pressured to proceed with the cloverleaf design."

"The need for the lights has been discussed on Page 7A

## today's hot line

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### Request Denied

The state has denied a request by the Farmington Board of Education to have the teachers' union pay damages and issue a public apology for what trustees feel were disparaging remarks. Both sides are now awaiting findings.

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### Vagnozzi Trial

The pre-trial hearing was held in the case of Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington school trustee, charged with assault and battery by the wife of the leader of the now defunct attempt to recall Vagnozzi. The judge decided against a defense request that the court order up the psychiatric records of Mrs. Mary Kenney.

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### Do You Remember?

If you can remember "Caledonia" and her big feet, you may be in for a treat next month. If you can't remember, you may still be in for an enjoyable evening.

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### One Still Active

Four men sought the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 19th District two years ago, but only one was still active at the district's annual dinner last weekend. Tim Richard picked up the latest political scuttlebutt.

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### Student Activist

A lot of people thought student government was dead on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. But the bright, young president of the group had other ideas.

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NEW JUNIOR MISS -- The surprise of having her name called fills the face of Cindy Tarpinian of North Farmington-High as she is announced winner of the Farmington Junior Miss Pageant Saturday night at Harrison High. Shown sharing her happiness is Karen Samra (right) of Farmington High. (Fran Evert photo)

## Cindy Tarpinian Is Junior Miss

Cindy Tarpinian has been selected Farmington Junior Miss for 1972 and will now enter regional competition in January in Livonia to pursue the title of State Junior Miss. She was crowned Saturday night in Harrison High School auditorium after ranking first in competition with 11 other finalists in the pageant sponsored annually by the Farmington Area Jaycees.

FIRST runnerup was Gail Nymshak and second runnerup was Carolyn Mekjian. Other awards given were: scholastic achievement to Donna Ankus of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School; and Miss Coggenally to Lynn Bernhardt of Harrison High School.

Miss Tarpinian, a North Farmington High senior, also won the talent contest for her original paintings. Miss Nymshak, a Farmington High senior, read a children's story for her talent performance and Miss Mekjian, a North Farmington senior, performed a violin solo.

THE AUDITORIUM was filled to capacity with spectators who turned out to root for their favorites and enjoy

the talent presentations and other portions of the pageant. The new junior miss was surprised, of course, when her name was called as the winner and seemed equally surprised when she was announced as the talent winner.

She had displayed her paintings by performing a pantomime to the record "Dominique." The record kept sticking throughout her presentation, causing her to stop while technicians made corrections.

But the judges were impressed with her composure and especially impressed with her ability as an artist and gave her the nod in talent competition.

The winner was also unaware of the favorable impression she made on judges during the interview that morning, an interview to measure mental alertness which counted for one-third of the total scores.

CONTESTANTS were judged on scholastic achievement, mental alertness, talent, physical fitness and poise.

The judges at the pageant were: Miss Susan Mosshamer, a music instructor and legal secretary of

Sander Levin; Mrs. Jean Newell, owner and teacher of Miss Jean's Dance School in Livonia; and Emory Daniels, editor of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Judges for the preliminaries held Nov. 14 in the Farmington Community Center were: Mrs. Barbara Benya, administrator of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce; Miss Helen Jackson, instructor, Wendy Ward Chalmers School; and Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand.

OTHER finalists competing Saturday night were: Catherine Ash of North Farmington High; Nancy Kaim of Farmington High; Diane Mather of NFHS; Deborah Mulcahy of FHS; Rebecca Pierce of NFHS; Karen Sama of FHS; and Rosanne Sinicola of Our Lady of Mercy.

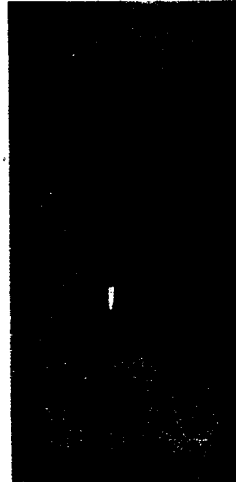
The winner received a \$300 scholarship from Roger Peck Chevrolet and a \$25 gift certificate from Hinkie's.

The first runnerup received \$25 gift certificates from Harvi's Suburban Casuals and Demery's; and the second runnerup received \$25 gift

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HERE'S THE "TOM" casting an eye on the hens close by and allowing his snood to drop far over his beak as he struts up and down the barn yard.



AND HERE HE IS stripped of much of his glamor -- the snood has been removed entirely, but the black mustache of the "Tom" is easily distinguishable (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)

## Folks Like Hens, But 'Tom' Doesn't

By W.W. EDGAR  
Roving Editor

If our Pilgrim fathers were to return for this Thanksgiving season, they'd never recognize the bird they made the symbol of thanks and feasting.

In fact, they'd have a most difficult time finding one of the bronze variety on which they feasted on that Thanksgiving Day long ago when they gathered to celebrate and offer thanks for a bountiful crop.

In its place they would find a full-breasted, white-feathered, wobbly-legged bird that is the latest product of breeders who have cross-bred the bronze bird out of existence. And now, in a breeding revolution, they are even interfering with the love life of the time-honored turkey.

FIRST, IN CROSS-BREEDING, they developed a full-breasted hen to meet the American demand for more white meat. But so robust of bosom did it become that she no longer could sit in the proper position at breeding time. So artificial insemination came into being.

Now the breeders have turned to the gobbler or "Tom" turkey -- and what they're doing to him!

"We've had to make him less attractive to the hens," Loyd Sharland, manager of the Gottschalk Turkey Farm in Plymouth, explained.

"No longer can we allow him to strut up and down the yard in full view of the hens.

"We found that when he struts, his red snood curves over his beak and goes back into hiding when he stops strutting.

"So, we're de-snooding him. That should curtail his kingly strutting."

LOOKING OVER HIS flock that now numbers close to 1,500 for the holiday season, Sharland pointed out that there were few strutters around.

"We've taken care of that," he said, then added, "and we've also trimmed back his beak and claws."

Why?

"We've found that when the 'Tom' gets close to the hen and starts battling for attention, he's inclined to claw and scratch. As a result, the hen's body is ripped and torn when we come to dress them.

"In cases like this, we have to toss the damaged hen aside as a 'second' because no one wants to buy a clawed-up hen for the big feast. And this costs us money we can't afford to lose."

AS HE WALKED through and around the gobbling flock Sharland smiled and said:

"The breeders are really having a time of it. With the larger breasts and more white meat, the hens have grown out of shape, have grown wobbly on their feet and no longer look attractive.

"To correct this, every effort is being made to re-shape the hen and proportion the weight to make her more attractive to the purchaser. It may take a bit of doing -- but you can bet they'll get it done."

Calling attention to the fact that this breeding revolution was interesting in that the breeders were tearing down attractiveness on the male side and building up on the female side, Sharland chuckled and said --

"There's one thing you must remember. You can't fool Nature.

"Look at that black spot on the chest of the 'Toms.' That's what we call a mustache.

"With all the cross-breeding and the development of the white-feathered bird, the mustache never has changed color.

"It's funny -- but that's Nature, I guess.

"Despite all the breeders' experiments, the hens can always distinguish the Toms. They just have to look for the mustache."

Nature sure is a wonderful thing.

# Thanksgiving GREETINGS

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