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## District Will Intervene If Bussing Affects Farmington

Once any final decision is made on cross-district bussing, Farmington School District will be represented by its own attorney if the bussing plan includes Farmington.

Farmington's board of education Tuesday night instructed its attorney, Robert Kelley, "to make legal preparation to represent the district in the event that Farmington is named as a participant in any cross-district bussing."

THE BOARD'S decision follows the decision by Federal Judge Stephen J. Roth that no desegregation plan would be limited to Detroit only.

"The board is acting under the continuing advice of our attorney, and we are paying fees to get information coming from the courts," explained board president Richard H. Peters.

"We are at the point we have to prepare ourselves for what may happen," he continued. Peters added that if Farmington were not named in the desegregation plan selected by Roth, then there would be "no basis for legal action whatsoever."

By unanimously approving the cross-district bussing motion, however, the board is now in "a position to challenge" the eventual plan with "whatever legal lengths are needed."

THIS ACTION represents a further step toward involvement in the desegregation proceedings by the school board, which has so far remained calm and restrained.

Following Kelley's advice, the board pointed out to the audience that it is "prudent to know the ruling" before making any challenge.

Kelley had previously counseled the board that his sole representation of Farmington would leave the board more flexible to pursue its own interests.

Board members explained that although Farmington's appeal — if and when it is made — may not be heard, none of the other appeals made so far has been honored.

IN THE meantime, the Farmington board has donated \$100 to the Michigan Association of School Administrators' Region 9 which will, in

turn, provide the school board with information on the bussing question.

One break in the board's former public silence came when Mrs. Mary Rossman asked for the positions of each board member on the bussing issue. Two board members replied with their personal positions.

Mrs. Rossman is the Farmington representative for the Tri-County Citizens group which has been granted the right to intervene by Roth to represent parents of school children in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

"I have made it quite clear that I am opposed to any cross bussing whether Farmington is included or not," stated Kenneth F. Perrin, board vice president.

"I have also so stated that I am opposed to bussing," added Elizabeth Brennan, board trustee.

Following the meeting board trustee Aldo Vagnozzi said that the board didn't want to get into a "lengthy discussion" of bussing at the meeting.

### Struggles Worthwhile

A handicapped Farmington youth believes it is struggle which makes life worth exploring and that there is a purpose for the unknown. His views were reduced to writing in an essay picked by judges as an award winner.

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### Political Roles

Women and youth are becoming more involved in the political processes of both parties in Farmington. In a series of interviews, local political leaders were asked to assess the effect of women and the under 22-year-old young persons becoming involved in politics.

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### Local Rice Paddy

Farmington Township trustees will be asked Monday night to set the date for the dedication ceremony for Kenwood Lake. Meanwhile, Surf and Turf members are discussing planting a rice paddy amidst fears county officials might spoil all plans by running a road down the middle of the lake. Daniels Den gives the latest report on Farmington's yacht club.

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### Rock Musical

Schoolcraft College students will be presenting an original musical this week. Written by Ralph Kelly and the students, it has a modern theme and rock music.

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### RU, Farmington Tie

Bishop Borgess gave an all out effort but the unexpected happened and Farmington and Redford Union ended up with a first place tie and Borgess sat in third in a triangular track meet. For the complete story, flip to today's sport section.

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JAMES EBEL, attorney representing Manuel Villoch of Livonia, points to the bullet holes in law offices in Farmington Township where a shootout occurred Thursday resulting in the death of Villoch and his wife. (Evert photo)

## 2 Killed In Shootout In Farmington Township

Two persons were killed and a third wounded in a shootout Thursday afternoon in an attorney's office in the Quakertown Office Building in Farmington Township.

Dead are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Villoch, Ronald Ross is listed in fair condition in Botsford General Hospital. Villoch, 36, of 35836 Grenada, Livonia, was separated from Mrs. Villoch, 29, living in Independence Greens apartments at 24560 Madison Ct., Farmington.

Villoch fatally shot his wife and wounded Ross, hired as her bodyguard, in the office of attorney Edward Reagan, according to police. Reagan grabbed the bodyguard's revolver and fired shots at Villoch, apparently causing his death.

Police are awaiting autopsy reports to determine whether Reagan fired the fatal shots. THE SHOOT-OUT occurred

at about 3 p.m. Thursday in the midst of discussions over a pending divorce and property settlement.

James Ebel, attorney with offices across the hall, was sitting in on the conference but was out of the office when the shooting began.

Villoch and his wife separated on March 10, and 16 days later the husband had attempted to break into her apartment carrying a revolver. Township police arrested Villoch on March 28 and charged him with attempted breaking and entering and carrying a concealed weapon. Villoch retained Ebel as defense attorney for that charge and was released on \$3,000 bond to await pre-trial examination on April 22 before Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand.

The bodyguard was hired by Mrs. Villoch's mother after

the March 16 incident when Villoch allegedly had threatened his wife's life.

DURING THE talks, Villoch had asked for a reconciliation of their marriage which had lasted 18 months. After she refused, he left for his cars to get some papers and returned with a gun.

Ebel said he had followed Villoch and noticed a bulge in his pocket as Villoch was returning. Ebel says he grabbed Villoch, who spun away and ran into Reagan's office shooting. According to Ebel, Villoch first struck his wife on the head with the revolver butt and then opened fire.

Police report Villoch first opened fire on Ross and then fatally shot his wife. Ross had pulled his revolver and fired one shot at Villoch, which missed, and then passed out.

At this point, Reagan grabbed for Ross's revolver and fired shots at Villoch. Both the Villochs were dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital.

MRS. VILLOCH is survived by three children from a previous marriage. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press - time.

Ross, 33, was employed by Security Services, Inc., of 10 Mile Rd., Farmington. He also states Villoch had threatened his wife's life before Thursday's incident.

Ebel had just moved into the Quakertown Office Building at 27600 Farmington Rd., just south of 12 Mile, after maintaining offices a number of years in the City of Farmington.

John O'Gurek, who witnessed Reagan firing at Villoch, is a young attorney who just recently opened his practice in Farmington.



FLOYD CAIRNS, Farmington Township clerk, has been keeping in shape by going bike-riding since his last heart attack. In good health now, Cairns plans to keep up his cycling to stay in shape for the number of elections his office will be conducting this year. (Evert photo)

### Keeping In Shape

## Cairns Is 'Easy Rider'

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER  
Keeping in shape means a double life for Floyd Cairns, 56, Farmington Township clerk.

When Cairns isn't keeping his office in shape by preparing and processing elections, he and his wife are out keeping in shape physically by bicycling five to 12 miles a day in nice weather.

ALTHOUGH Cairns began riding bikes "some time ago," his efforts to stay physically fit began two years ago when he had a heart attack which was followed by open heart surgery.

Doctors then ordered him to walk three to five miles each day. "Exercise helps develop more blood vessels through the heart and makes the heart stronger," explained Cairns. He found that walking, however, was "hard on the feet."

So last July, Cairns approached the doctors with the idea of bike riding and their reaction was "Great." Cairns thinks it's great, too. "Exercise makes me feel a lot better, and my wife says the

same thing. She won't let me go out without her."

The Cairns' three-speed bikes carry them on sight-seeing trips through Farmington subdivisions and vacations, too. Last summer, the Cairns placed their bikes in the trunk of their car and headed for Florida. During the months of August and Sep-

tember, they biked a total of 430 miles.

"You really do see more when you ride a bike than

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MARY DULMAGE, right, plays Bessie Pickeridge, the settler's wife, in the musical "Mackinac!" set for an April 14-15 performance in Farmington's Harrison High School. There seems to be a communications gap between her and Marilyn Truitt, who plays Woman Who Breaks Bottles. More pictures on page 10B. (Evert photo)

**FOCUS: Suburbia**

Get a grip on your green thumbs! Today's FOCUS: Suburbia section is especially for "Seeders and Weeders" Don't miss it!