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## Jaycee Play

An annual event in Farmington, the Jaycee play, is going after a nostalgic theme this year. Can Rocky Dumbrowski find true happiness?

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## Feet Of Clay?

The relationship between social standing and mud is explored in a column, written while scraping the goo off one's shoes.

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## Accent On 'Love'

Increasingly you find singers and instrumentalists from Observerland taking part in events outside Observerland. You'll see a large contingent in Detroit this weekend, and the accent will be on "Love."

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## What's A Girl Scout?

A couple of unusual leaders give their ideas in word and picture, and we offer them to you in honor of Girl Scout Week. Find them in Observing Live.

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## Day For Women

It took place on the campus of Oakland Community College and the participants discussed everything from abortion to the ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi. You can read what went on in today's Observing Life.

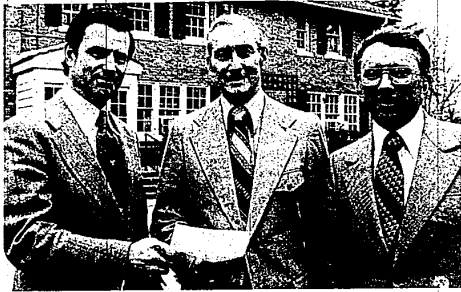
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**WHAT'S A 3-LETTER WORD FOR HAVING A GOOD TIME?**

"F-U-N" of course! And we offer you crossword puzzle fun starting today in every Wednesday issue of your hometown newspaper. Look for today's game in the Observing Life section. And remember, there's no better fun than making money, so place your money-making want ad today.

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AN ANNUAL GIFT is donated to the Farmington Community Center every year by the Thompson-Brown Real Estate Company. Presenting this year's gift of \$250 is William Bowman (left), executive vice president of Thompson-Brown. Receiving the gift on behalf of the center are Robert Amori, chairman of the 1973 fund drive (center) and L. David McCabe, chairman (right). (Photo by Fran Evert)

## Center Is Focus Of Community

By STEVE BARNABY  
A trip to the Farmington



ALBERTA TAYLOR is executive director of the Farmington Community Center. (Evert photo)

Community Center is a double treat. It not only provides many services, but also provides a peak into a glamorous American past long since gone.

Now in the midst of the fourth annual fund-raising drive, the center is striving to raise \$26,000 to meet the \$132,000 1972-73 budget.

Since 1969, when the Goodenough family offered the 20-room mansion to Farmington as a center, it has provided classes ranging from sewing to photography to ballet. It also provides facilities for concerts and weddings.

Alberta Taylor, center

executive director, takes obvious pride in the center's program and the beautiful atmosphere. Pointing to the backyard concert area and wedding area she says:

"It's very beautiful in the summer when the flowers are in blossom. The sun showers through the tall pines. A lot of young people like to be married outside here."

Inside, the center bustles with activity as more than 1,100 persons take part in the 95 classes being offered this winter.

"Many people enjoy taking classes in the Goodenough house because of its serenity," says Mrs. Taylor.

## Site For Senior Housing

## Hearing Set On Park

A hearing is coming up March 26 on the proposed sale of the six-acre Farmington Township park located on the northwest corner of Glen Oaks Golf Course.

Trustee Earl Opperthauser told the Township Board Monday the park has been appraised at approximately \$120,000 as a site for a

proposed senior citizen housing project.

The site was one of few in the township that would meet the criteria for the Michigan

State Housing Authority, he added.

The criteria included being close to shopping, transportation, proper zoning, with sewer and water available.

"It has always been our intent to provide housing for people in this township or their parents," Opperthauser said.

"I've been trying for three years." Announcement of the park sale several months ago caused a reaction among several local ecology groups, particularly the Farmington Naturalists Club.

"We took a lot of abuse from the parks commission explaining the proposal, but now they are on our side," Opperthauser said.

He said the money from the sale of the land would be put in a special fund for park development.



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## 48 Votes Cast In Wood Creek

Everybody was a winner in Wood Creek Farms village election on Monday as 48 voters went to the polls to cast ballots for village president and councilmen.

Reelected president was Al Albertson, 28701 Wellington, who received 45 votes. John Charles, 29204 Utley and Kryn Ihrman, 28200 Wellington received 42 and 44 votes respectively for two council seats. All candidates ran unopposed.

Two of the 48 votes were discounted because voters checked the square instead of indicating their preference with an X.

## Jaycees Want Paperbacks

Farmington area Jaycees are asking the public for help in collecting paperback books for inmates of Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson.

The books will be used in the prison hospital, experimental wards and library.

Donors may drop books into barrels marked with "Wanted" posters at Farmington area supermarkets.

Age of the books, subject matter or condition are unimportant.

## 'Millage Is Renewal' Say School Officials

What are people saying about the March 26 millage renewal election?

With this question in mind, Farmington school board members, administrators, parents and students went to the community and found that most persons they talked to were in favor of the renewal.

However, in a meeting of these groups last week, fear

was expressed that many voters misunderstood the issue, believing the upcoming election to be on a millage increase.

On Feb. 6, the Farmington school board unanimously voted to hold a five mill renewable election. The five mills would yield \$1.8 million for the district, about 10 percent of the schools operating budget.

Marius Van Amedey, Farmington schools superintendent, says the renewal is necessary to maintain existing programs.

"The cost of doing business, school business, has climbed and is expected to continue to climb. Fixed charges, day-to-day operations and negotiated wage contracts must be met," said a recent statement released by the administration.



ROBERT BEAN, sportsman and world traveler, will be the speaker Wednesday, March 14, for the Farmington Beautification Committee in the Holiday Inn, Ten Mile and Grand River.

## Drain Coming In South End

A storm sewer for the triangle between Eight Mile, Grand River and the Farmington city limits was authorized by the Farmington Township Board Monday.

It is the second section of the master drainage plan, which will eventually provide drainage for the whole township. The board directed the township attorney to draw up petitions for Oakland County to begin the project.

No date of completion was indicated. Cost is estimated at \$80,000. The storm drain

would be a main collector, ending in a 102-inch drain.

"Since the township as a whole will benefit from this drainage plan, the cost should be borne by the whole township," Supervisor Robert McConnell said.

He indicated an at-large tax would be levied to pay for the drain.

by the township, would drain the far northeast section of the township.

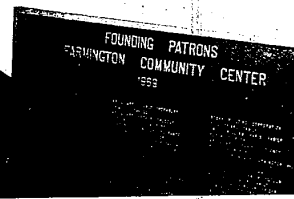
McConnell said recently he has received a letter from the State Highway Department which indicated the plan met with its approval.

He cited the lack of drainage in the area and the project recently initiated by the residents, "operation shovel."

Residents expect to dig and widen drainage ditches along the storm drain in the area. "This sewer would give the water someplace to go," he said.



DONALD J. MACKINNON, president of the Farmington Community Center Board of Directors, stands proudly next to the names of the founding patrons who helped to make the center a success. (Evert photo)



She reports one of the sewing classes is so popular many come back to take it over and over again "just to be sociable."

But even among the constant activity is a place of

quiet and solitude, the family study. Built in 1930, the library looks like one of the oldest rooms with its wide pegged floor boards, but is actually the newest addition.

The house originally was built in 1868 and purchased by Luman Goodenough in 1915. Through the years he added one room after another until the beautiful structure was transformed from a simple square building to a gracious mansion.

At present, Mrs. Taylor, Donald Mackinnon, president of the center, and Robert

Amori, chairman of the 1973 fund drive, are depending on the surrounding community to come to the aid of the center so everyone can enjoy the atmosphere and enjoyment it contains.

Other officers on the center's board of directors are: L. David McCabe, first vice president; Mrs. Richard Carlson, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Braunstein, treasurer; Kenneth Trombley, secretary; and Mrs. Orville Fox, corresponding secretary.