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New School?

A new private school has been proposed for the City of Farmington. The fledgling institution is still trying to get off the ground, however.

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In A Name

Some of the psychological strains of cityhood are explored in depth in a column in today's Enterprise and Observer.

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Bad Cats

You may like cats or hate 'em, but the fact seems to be they're impossible to license and are over-rated as carriers of disease. W. W. Edgar checked veterinarians all over Observerland, and they all told much the same story.

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Your Choice

Barbershop quartet singing, a high school concert and Highland dancing are on the agenda this weekend. Take your choice from the selections in our Amusements page today.

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Farmington School Board Has 6 File For 2 Seats

There will be a six-way race for two seats on the Farmington school board June 11.

Current Board President Kenneth Perrin raced into the school board offices to drop off his petitions before the 4 p.m. Monday deadline.

A previously announced candidate, he joins Rev. Hugh Stewart, 35305 Edyth Drive; Gary Lichtman, 27361 W. Arden Park Circle; Mrs. Emma S. Makinen, 33717 Colony Park Drive; Hartley Thornton, 23155 Violet; and Carl E. Licht, 26291 Pillsbury.

Byron Oliver, administrative assistant, said about 12 persons had taken out petitions, but apparently had decided not to file.

Thursday, May 17, is the last date to withdraw.

Rev. Stewart is pastor of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. He is on the board of directors of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, as is Lichtman.

Lichtman is a former member of the board of education.

He is president of the Oakland County Inter-

mediate Board of Education and has been a member since 1968.

He is president of the FAAC.

Mrs. Makinen is president of the Farmington PTA Council. A former teacher, she has been active in local school affairs including the PTA, Citizens for Better Schools, and as a member of the Extended School Year and Community Schools committees.

Thornton is best known for his work with the Farmington Naturalists and is a naturalist at Proud Lake State Recreation Area.



MRS. BYRON OLIVER (left) received a gift tennis racket honoring her retirement after 30 years of teaching at Middle Belt School in Farmington. A "surprise" party was planned by her students and parents recently at the school. Presenting the gift is Mrs. Burt Holmstrom. (Evert photo)

Michigan Week Starts Saturday

Community Pride Day begins Michigan Week in Farmington Saturday, May 19.

"Operation Clean Sweep," where local businessmen, factory owners and home owners get out and clean up between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday morning, is the first of a long list of activities planned.

A gold broom and dustpan will be given to the business judged tops in the "Clean Sweep," Michigan Week Chairman Robert Smith said.

Sunday, Spiritual Fund Foundations Day, headed by Pastor Stephen J. Anthony, of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, will involve many local churches, with sermons dedicated to Michigan Week.

Monday is Government Day, traditionally "Mayor's Exchange Day." Plans to exchange Farmington's Mayor Ralph Yoder have been tentatively canceled, when the City of Ionia backed out, Smith said.

Tuesday is Heritage Day, and Robert Beauchamp, Paul Schreiber, and Nancy Leonard plan to use the occasion to begin promoting the Farmington Founder's Festival.

Livelihood Day features a luncheon sponsored jointly by the Exchange Club and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce in the Salem United Church of Christ.

Thursday is Education Day, and State Rep. Raymond Baker is going to be on hand at the Board of Education offices to present "First

Facts of Michigan" to the students.

Friday, on Hospitality Day, Joan Barbrick, of the Farmington Beautification Committee, will present awards to Boy Scout troops who have helped the committee during the past year.

Youth Day, Saturday, is headed by Earl Baumink, who is planning a presentation of programs Farmington offers youth in the community, apart from the school system.

"We need to bolster our pride by increased knowledge of what we have going for us in this great state," Smith said.

He expects the program this year to be a preliminary to next year's sequentennial celebration.

Determination Makes Music, A Pilot, Etc.

By KATHY MORAN

Farmington's Louise Nesbitt is on her way to becoming a country western music star all because a friend jokingly told her, "Forget it, you're too stupid to learn guitar."

That was four years ago.

At that time, her friend could boast of playing three chords. Mrs. Nesbitt now knows 17, has matched her voice to her music and has even begun writing her own songs.

She can't read music even though she also plays oboe, cello and clarinet -- and she considers reading music as unnecessary.

She won't take voice lessons because "it's too easy to teach yourself."

Yet, despite doing things the unconventional way, she joined the professional circuit two months ago and since then has been busy accepting out-of-state engagements.

The petite mother of five believes any challenge must be accepted -- that's why she has also carried mail, earned a license to sell real estate, attended modeling school, learned how to weld, studied pathology in Heidelberg, Germany for three years and wants to become an air traffic controller some day.

"I've got determination you can't believe," she said. "I'm still willing to learn anything I can."

"If someone gave me the choice of living comfortably and having everything I needed for the rest of my life or of living it up one day and doing the rest, I'd live it up and die. That's just the way I am."

Her brand of living might fray the average person's nerves, but Mrs. Nesbitt finds enough time in each day to blend her new career with her varied interests and her family.

She can make a good cup of coffee as easily as

strumming a guitar or composing a country-style song while ironing or sewing a dress.

"I've got the world's worst voice -- it just took a lot of guts to try it," she said.

But her "world's worst voice" won her a spot among 48 semi-finalists from 600 entries in a radio station's talent contest. If she makes the finals, Mrs. Nesbitt will be traveling to Nashville, Tenn., to compete.

She still gets nervous before going on stage but can laugh at the times when she starts a song wrong and has to rearrange the verses to make up for it. She also laughs at the time she told the band to play one song and then began singing another.

But despite her taste of "professionalism," Mrs. Nesbitt says she loves performing for charities because the audiences are "super appreciative."

"If any charitable organization calls, I don't care what, I'll do it," she said.

"I'd love to do it."

Her performing is all done in fun, she said.

"I like to laugh, be a screwball and enjoy myself. I'm in it for fun. If it ever gets to be a job, I'll quit."

All her own songs are country western, which she calls "southern soul or white soul music."

"Most of my songs take me longer to sing than to write," she said.

Some songs started out as scratchings of eyebrow pencil on the windshield of her husband's truck. But some may be published in the near future.

Although she'll take on about any challenge, Mrs. Nesbitt says she's not a woman's liberationist.

"I like acting like a lady and being treated like a



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-Mrs. Louise Nesbitt

woman. The only part of woman's liberation that I agree with is that a woman who is trained in a job should get paid equally with a man."

If she has to narrow down her interests, Mrs. Nesbitt says she'll rank music and rodeos as "most exciting."

Her husband, John, is a bull rider who follows the rodeos, along with being a journeyman carpenter five days a week.

Eventually they hope to combine their interests in music and rodeos into a band that will follow rodeos.

"That way he won't have to go his way and I go mine," she said. "We'll be together all the time."

In the meantime, she's mixing as many interests as possible, and taking time for a flying lesson here and there. "I'm fantastic on take offs and landings."

"All I can say is I have a very undisciplined family," she adds.

It's not important to her whether she becomes as famous as Tammy Wynette, but you can bet Mrs. Nesbitt will give it a good try.

Water Project Finances Stalled

The Northwest Pressure District water project suffered a major setback Monday when the Farmington Township Board refused to pass back together a proposal whereby four developers who have sizable land holdings in the township in the area served by "phase one" of the project would put a total of \$52,000 to get it going.

To much of the west and northwest side of the township.

The developers' money was to finance the portion of the water main serving their property and also act as "front money" for the remainder of the project, making payments on bonds until tap fees began coming in in quantity to make the payment schedule, according to Cairns.

The developer, not identified by Cairns, was apparently doubtful about getting rezoning for his land from "planned residential one" to

"planned residential two" -- which would allow more multiple dwellings on the property.

The Township Board refused to consider a suggestion to borrow money against an interceptor sewer fund to make up the \$101,000.

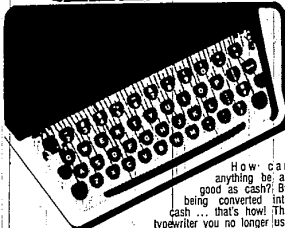
He estimated refusing the contractor's bid would add about \$200,000 to the cost of the first portion of the project.

The board had authorized obtaining the bid without securing financing last winter during the slack season.

"That killed it," Cairns said after the meeting.

With an extension of a bid

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