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Farmington's Ray Baker and Redford's John Bennett were two state representatives who went on a Florida junket at state expense. Baker came to the defense of the cause, but Bennett couldn't be reached for comment.

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Raiders Win 2nd

North Farmington dumped Thurston in its Northwest Suburban cage opener. Harrison finally won over Waterford but Farmington High and new Coach Bruce Brown are still having their problems. For the complete stories along with box scores, flip to today's sport section.

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YES At Work

How does a community employment agency work? In Farmington, pretty well, and part of their philosophy is "if there is not a job we will make one."

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Art In The School

The Farmington Arts Council is sponsoring a series of speakers in the junior high schools. To find out who is coming to your school, turn to:

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Heirloom Gowns

Two of them turned up in recent Observersland christenings and both have interesting histories. Read about both in our Women's Section.

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the kind of things that most young people like... things like cameras and wheels and sound...then you'll enjoy making it a habit of reading the Observer. You'll find the things you like...at the price you want to pay!

Busing Ruling Pressuring District For Day In Court

By STEVE BARNABY

Farmington School board members will soon hold a pow-wow to determine the action to be taken because of the recent U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which upholds the right of a federal judge to order cross-district busing.

THE BOARD has previously taken the position of not participating in court action against the decision of Federal Judge Stephen Roth to allow cross-district busing. The Appeals Court, while affirming Judge Roth's right to establish a metropolitan busing plan, ordered the case back for rehearing on grounds some districts included were not granted a hearing.

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avoid, since they weren't among the original school districts fighting Roth's decision.

Perrin said that the action would force the board to go to court if it wished to oppose the decision.

He said it was the board's intention to oppose by any legal means any decision involving the cross-district busing of Farmington school children.

have a day in court," Vagnozzi said.

William Saxton, attorney for the school districts fighting the Roth decision, said suburban schools that wish to oppose the cross-district plan have three avenues of approach:

- They may ask for a U.S. Supreme Court hearing.
- They may seek a rehearing before the full 10-member Court of Appeals.
- They may wait out the results of the rehearing before Judge Roth.

Twp. Trash Recycling Studied

The Farmington Township Board took a step toward the future Monday by appointing a committee to investigate a complete solid waste disposal system for the township.

Trustee Earl Oppertbauer urged the formation of the committee, saying he felt it would be possible to pay for a portion of a township-wide trash and garbage collection system by separating recyclable materials and selling them.

Oppertbauer, Trustee Margaret Schaeffer and Treasurer Thomas Nolan were appointed to the committee, which also will include three residents of the township.

OPPERTBAUSER said he had read that 28 per cent of

household trash was recyclable, and hoped the revenue would defray some of the cost.

The board's action followed the recent approval of a grant to "Earth Alive" to set up a glass recycling center in the township.

Mrs. Nancy Kourtjian, "Earth Alive" president, fought for most of the summer for the \$1,400 grant to set up a new center.

At the meeting when the center was approved, Oppertbauer first mentioned the possibility of commercial recycling for the township.

The township, along with all other communities in the state, is under an obligation to come up with a solid waste disposal plan by 1974.

2 Named Officers

The Farmington Beautification Committee gained two leadership posts in the Southeast Michigan Beautification Council recently, and was also honored for service by the regional group.

Barnett Dickman, and Shirley Richardson, both from Farmington, were named first

vice president and recording secretary.

The new officers accepted an award for distinguished public service at a meeting recently at the Birmingham community center.

The council is a coordinating organization for 54 communities in southeastern Michigan.



SHELLING OUT - Paul Lucas stopped his tow truck to be a "goodfellow." (Evert photo)

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Schools Drop Agency Shop From Contracts

By DAN McCOSH School District will be hashing out new language in their union contracts this week to

eliminate the "agency shop" clause, ruled illegal by the Michigan Supreme Court recently.

A special meeting of the Farmington school board Monday resulted in a resolution dropping all language referring to "agency shop" in the contracts, and directed the administration to discuss language in the contract that will allow payroll dues collection for union members.

"AGENCY SHOP" is a clause in the contracts which allows the unions to charge a "representation fee" to non-members.

In most school contracts, including those with the teachers, bus drivers, secretaries and administrators in Farmington, the "fee" is the same as union dues.

The effect is to encourage union membership. Roger Allen, executive director for the Farmington Education Assn., said only one teacher in the system was currently paying the fee as a non-member.

The system was challenged in the Southgate school system, and the Supreme Court ruled it illegal, although questions of interpretation of the ruling remained.

At the special meeting, Lefroy Bartman, acting labor

negotiator for the Farmington district, presented the advice of Farmington school attorney Charles Fine, who also argued the case on the winning side before the court.

He recommended dropping all language relating to the agency shop from the contract and also all language relating to "checkoff" of dues.

ELIMINATING the dues checkoff, the method by which dues are deducted from the payroll, drew protests from all the union leaders present.

Allen said he was particularly concerned with the possibility the administration would require recertification of all the union members -- in effect signing them up all over again.

Acting Supt. Marinus Van Ameyde said this was not the intent of the administration, adding: "It is not our intent to seize an advantage as a result of the decision."

The board split at first on the "dues checkoff" part of the resolution, which led to lengthy arguments on whether to follow Fine's advice. Fine was not present at the meeting.



FARMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION officers Barnett Dickman, Mrs. Shirley Richardson and Mrs. Joan Barbrick accepted an award for distinguished public service from the Southeast Michigan Beautification Council. (Evert photo)