

## today's hot line

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## late news

### Millage Renewal Election March 26

Farmington School board has unanimously voted to schedule a special millage renewal election on March 26. The ballot proposal will recommend the renewal of the five mills which expired Dec. 31. Renewal is for 10 years. William Prisk, business manager, says the March vote is necessary in order to plan the minimum requirements for the 1973-74 school budget. Prisk warned of the possibility of another election before the coming school year for a millage increase depending on the action of the State Legislature in determining a formula for state aid to schools.

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### An Inventory

Many Observerland groups are active in the ecology movement, but they don't all know what the others are doing. As a public service, your home town paper presents a directory of most of the adult groups.

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### Top Shots

A Farmington Township pistol team has assembled a glittering pile of trophies, and appears on its way to its best season.

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### Split Personality?

In a way, everyone has one, says a Farmington consulting psychiatrist who recently talked to parents and teens. Read his ideas today in Observing Life.

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## Little things are important

Razor blades are sharp. They're important, too, to people who like to appear well groomed. Observer Want Ads are sharp, too. They do a great job for a lot of people. They're small in size and cost, but they find things, sell things, rent things, buy things and generally are very worthwhile. Why not slice yourself a piece of the action? Dial 522-0900 today and place your OBSERVER WANT AD.



# Historic District Getting New 'Toothless' Controls

A relatively "toothless" historic district ordinance was introduced Monday by the Farmington City Council to help protect the center of town from alterations that might destroy its character.

The ordinance was changed drastically from a proposal which would have established a commission with power to withhold building permits if it didn't approve of proposed changes.

Residents in the affected area, a triangle bounded by Warner west on Grand River to Shawassee, and from Warner west on Shawassee to

Grand River, were mainly opposed to the early proposal.

THE NEW historical commission will still review proposals for changes and new buildings in the area, but will have only an advisory role.

The commission will consist of seven residents appointed by the city council.

Paul Schreiber, president of the Farmington Historical Committee, said "Quite a lot depends on the types of personalities appointed."

The commission will review any application for a building permit within 14 days and report back to the building department with its recommendations.

THE APPLICANT then has the option of accepting or rejecting the recommendations.

"The ordinance may be somewhat ineffective in its application, but we believe most citizens who own homes of historical value will voluntarily cooperate with the commission in meeting its goal of historical preservation," City Manager Robert Deadman said.

## Giant Flower Pots Coming For Downtown

Trees will bloom again in downtown Farmington this spring.

The city council approved a beautification committee program "in principle" which will put 20 potted junipers along Grand River and Farmington roads to brighten the shopping area with foliage.

The Farmington beautification committee proposed the planters after the last tree-planting program failed. Saplings growing out of holes cut in the sidewalk left victims of tall dogs and short children.

THE HEAVY concrete planters, costing \$75, will

raise the trees above ground level and also allow flowers to be planted around the trunks.

The beautification commission hopes to get merchants in the downtown area to expand on the program with more planters if they are successful, according to Barnett Dickman, spokesman for the commission.

Councilman John Allen commented "Do you think you are going to be able to get someone down the street to pay if they see these put in by the city?"

The council approved the program, but will wait until budget figures are in before allocating the \$2,000 for the planters.



## Chamber Officers

NEW OFFICERS of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce are (from left) James Wibby, treasurer; Ralph Evert, vice-president; William Flattery, president; Ed Balden, secretary. Serving

on the chamber board will be John Anhut, John Corville, Robert Fox, Margaret Halava, Fred LaBell, John McCarter, Gary Peterson, Peter Procop, and Robert Smith. (Evert photo)

## Petitions Due For Wood Creek

Petitions are due Saturday, at 4 p.m., for candidates for three offices in the Village of Wood Creek, according to Village Clerk Eileen Abbott.

Village President Al Albertson, Councilmen Dave Martin and Dr. Richard Quev's terms expire this year.

The election is March 12. Village residents must register by Friday, Feb. 9, at the clerk's office, 29251 Spring, to be eligible to vote.

Mrs. Abbott emphasizes only those specifically registered with the village are eligible.

## Anti-Busing Reorganized Boycott Is Boycotted

By STEVE BARNABY

The elimination of "hot-heads" and implementation of an efficient, unemotional organization within the anti-busing movement are the

goals of the Farmington Alliance for Neighborhood Schools, according to Steven Patterson, alliance board member.

A first step will be the boycott of the business boycott

on March 15 proposed by other anti-busing groups in the area such as the National Action Group (NAG).

"A boycott is an infringement on the businessmen of the community, just as busing is an infringement on the rights of the people," said Patterson.

A statement released by Alliance Chairman Leo Miller said, "Our first decision is not to take part in a business boycott... called for by some other groups, because we feel it is a negative and ineffective way to stop forced busing."

AS AN ALTERNATIVE the alliance has formed a "working agreement" with "unity pledge cities" of the metropolitan area, 24 cities opposed to busing.

The alliance met Tuesday night with unity spokesman Alex Brown to work out plans for an upcoming anti-busing campaign.

Patterson explained the groups in the organizational stages with no concrete plans, but will meet on Feb. 13 to appoint and develop a working committee from community members.

"This is an attempt to become well organized with thoughtful people... and to avoid the disorganization that NAG experienced," said Patterson.

The initial thrust of the alliance will be to gather names of people interested in opposing busing and persuading them to volunteer as workers within the alliance.



ONE YEAR from now, Farmington will be looking back 150 years. On the Sesquicentennial Committee are V. O. Bates, president; Mrs. Nancy Leonard and Robert Cook. (Evert photo)

## Free Shots Are Offered

Free immunizations will be offered children at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River, Farmington; Thursday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All Oakland County children

## Farmington Rd. Apartments Get Hearing

Residents of the Farmington Oaks subdivision at Nine Mile and Farmington Road and a would-be apartment builder will have another go-around March 5 on zoning a lot on Farmington Road.

The Farmington City Council set another hearing on the rezoning for apartments on the lot.

Builder Michael Tartaglia wants to build apartments similar to those next door, but residents of the neighboring subdivision successfully opposed him at the planning commission meeting recently.

from three months of age through high school are eligible for the immunizations provided by the health department.

They include either the primary series of boosters for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola) and German measles (rubella) and tuberculin skin tests.

No appointment is necessary but previous immunization records should be brought in.

## Alma Honors Award Five

Five Alma College students from Farmington have been named to the term honor list for exceptional academic records during the recently completed fall term.

They are: Christine Cooper, 3251 Willow; Jeffrey Foran, 26502 Graythorne; Patricia Graham, 32314 Loomis; Amy Kleinschmit, 2366 Westley; and Denise Oppertbauer, 32216 Baintree.