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## Tax changes, Bond on school agenda

FARMINGTON—Bond elementary school may become the site of the operations department and a storage center for the Farmington school district.

School district business manager William Prisk is expected to make a recommendation to the Farmington school board, Thursday, Sept. 19, that a portion of the school be used as a storage facility.

If the board approves the move the operations department for the district will also be moved to Bond.

Bond elementary was recently closed to regular use, and the students have been transferred to other schools in the district.

Prisk said that if the board agrees to use the school as a storage center no physical changes will be made in the building, so it would not interfere with future use or disposition of the building.

He said the move would aid the district by consolidating three separate storage and receiving areas into one location.

The district is currently renting a portion of its storage space.

The board will be meeting at Farmington High school on Sept. 19, at 8 p.m.

THE BOARD switched the day of its regular meeting for the week from Tuesday to Thursday in observance of a religious holiday.

At the meeting the board will also be discussing whether it wishes to proceed with its plans to implement a twice a year collection of taxes for operating purposes.

Should the board decide to proceed

with the plans the business manager will be directed to contact the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, and West Bloomfield, for approval.

Twice a year collection of taxes will make the borrowing of funds for operations unnecessary, saving the district money, which it has been using for interest payments, according to Prisk.

If the district switches to the twice a year collection procedure, one half of the taxes would be collected in July, and the other half would be collected in December.

PRISK WILL also inform the board

of the district new policy governing the pay scale for substitute teachers.

In the past certified substitutes have received \$27 a day and \$14 a half a day.

Non-certified teachers have received \$23 a day and \$12 a half day.

The administration, however has decided to switch it to a straight hourly wage scale.

In the future certified substitutes will receive \$3.75 an hour and non-certified substitutes will receive \$3.20 an hour.

The board will also be hearing the

report from the committee on vandalism at its meeting, Thursday.

Under old business the board will continue its discussion of the preliminary budget.

THE BOARD has set the dates for two special meetings.

The operations committee will make its report regarding ineligible bus riders on Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. at Farmington High School.

The public hearing on the 1974-75 budget will be held on Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. at Farmington High.



## School head courts fame as lineman

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—Being a sports referee has its ups and downs. Ask Gerald Potter, As a line referee for World Team Tennis, Potter has had both.

The ups are obvious, being right on top of the action when the professionals play a game he really loves.

The downs come less often, but they're still there.

Like having the audience boo a decision, or nearly getting elbowed by an irate tennis player who objects to a call.

Assistant principal at Farmington High school, Potter also officiates at the Detroit Loves home games in Cobo Hall.

As a line referee, Potter is a member of the National Organization of Professional Tennis officials.

"OUR WHOLE purpose in being at the game is to help make sure the game is played on its own merits and to insure that no injustice is done to any player," Potter said.

In order to do that, he said the referees cannot form too deep an attachment to any team or player.

In fact, the referees are not even supposed to fraternize with the players.

"It wouldn't look too good to the players of the other team if they walked in and saw us carrying on a conversation with their opponents," Potter said. "It may cause them to question our objectivity."

Although officials are responsible for watching a certain section of the court they do get the opportunity to watch a portion of the game.

Potter said they develop certain techniques which help them stay alert, watch the game, and still watch their line.

"YOU CAN'T stare at the line throughout the entire game or you'd get dizzy," he said. "However, we have to be sure we are watching the line when the ball falls within our area."

A referee has to know exactly when he can watch the game and when he has to shift his eyes back to the court. You have to be alert.

"If you are alert, you can see the space between the place where the ball hits and the line. But, you have to be watching just when it hits."

Although he does enjoy serving as a

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## Grand opening

# Cultural center to attract famous Finns

FARMINGTON—Finnish Ambassador Leo Tuominen will be in Farmington Hills, Saturday, Sept. 21, to help the Finnish Center Association begin a week long celebration commemorating the opening of the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Tuominen will be the guest speaker at the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, Sunday, which is the first in a series of events planned for the week.

The Finnish Center Association recently completed the first phase of building in the center which will house a library with Finnish and American books, a Finnish import shop, and banquet rooms.

EVENTUAL PLANS for the center call for the addition of a restaurant, saunas, classrooms, and perhaps a swimming pool.

The dedication week ceremonies which are planned to introduce area residents to the new facility will begin with the Sunday program, which will include officials from Lansing and Farmington Hills, in addition to Tuominen.

Michigan Governor William Milliken, and a representative from Farmington Hills will be two of the guests at the ceremony.

The Detroit area consuls from the four Scandinavian countries, Harri

Virjo, Finland, Marshall Fredericks, Denmark, William Henry Caswell, Norway and Marvin B.R. Anders, Sweden will also be speaking.

Another guest speaker will be Tatu Tuohikorpi, vice consul of Finland.

There will also be a flag raising ceremony with two children in Scout uniforms bearing the American flag and two children in Finnish costumes bearing the Finnish flag.

Many members of the association will also be wearing Finnish costumes and dresses.

Sunday, Sept. 22 and Monday, Sept. 23 will be open house days.

The center and import shop will be open from 1-8 p.m.

AN ALL FINNISH program is planned for Tuesday evening.

The program which begins at 8 p.m. will include a Finnish skit written by Eva Koskimaki and a sing-along in Finnish.

The senior citizens will be having a luncheon at the center on Wednesday afternoon.

Jingo Viitala Vaehon, author of the book, "Tall Timber Tales", a book of stories from Michigans upper peninsula, will be the guest speaker on Fun Night, Thursday, Sept. 26.

Ruth Mannisto, and the Finnish Center dancers are planning an evening for the young people on Friday.

They intend to have a rock band for the dance which will begin at 8 p.m.

The week will end with a dinner-dance, Saturday, Sept. 28.

A group from Toronto, Tango-Pojat will provide the music for the evening.

## Hills considering buying cemeteries

FARMINGTON HILLS—The two cemeteries in Farmington Hills may come under city care.

East and West Farmington cemeteries are both suffering from ageing or non-existent ownership and showing some signs of neglect.

The city attorney recently informed the city council it would be possible to assume ownership of the two lots.

"We are looking into the possibility," Mayor Frederick Lichtman said. "There are really two reasons for doing it. We don't want the cemeteries to deteriorate and they have a certain amount of historical interest."

The east Farmington cemetery is located between Middlebelt and Ink-

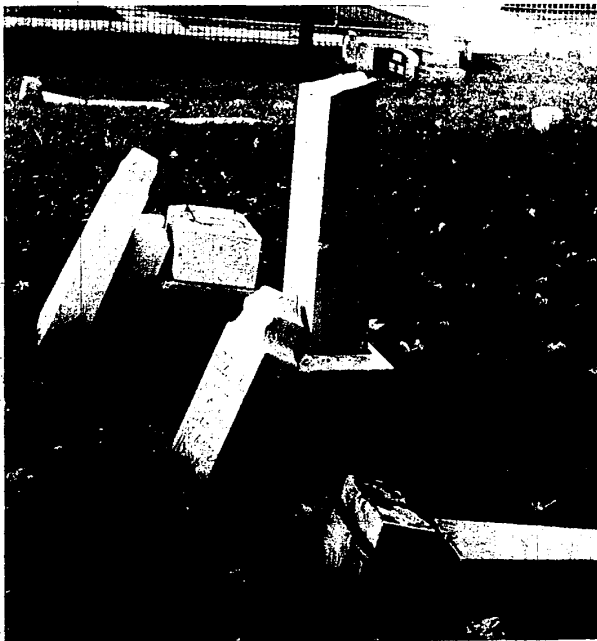
ster; the west Farmington Cemetery is at the corner of 12 Mile and Halstead Rd.

The East Cemetery has no known owners, and the city may be able to assume the ownership by default, according to Lichtman.

The West cemetery has some surviving owners, who have expressed interest in the city assuming the responsibility.

The city is also looking into the possibility of attempting to sell plots in the West cemetery, in an effort to offset some of the cost.

"There is apparently some obligation for a city to maintain some kind of public cemetery," Lichtman said.



City takeover could provide needed maintenance.

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