Lida Loftis, who has been dancing all of her life, joins in to add a new ethnic dance to her reperioire. To see what senior citizen life is like in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area read the first of a series by reporter Co Abatt on page 3A. (Staff photo by Harry Marchas)

# Final count awaited

# **Experts split on enrollment**

ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS AGREE that mollment is on the decline, the task force is in disagreement with the school adminis-rators as to how much that decrease will

e Farmington District Business Manager Villiam Priskestimates there will be 14,500 is the schools this year. Last year there ere 14,994 students in Farmington class-

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Hecker predicts that by the 1980-81 school year, there will be 767 students in Farmington kindergartens. By that year, he expects that 12,549 Oakland County children born in 1935 will make the kindergarten eligibility list.

High school reigstration also is dropping off, according to Hecker. He noted that 1539 tenth graders decreased to 1.421 students between the 1971-72 school year and the 1972-73 session. In the 1974-75 year 1,427 eleventh graders remained from a 10th grade class of 1.509, the year before.

# Closing of elementary schools, alteration of school boundaries or the formation of a school boundaries or the formation of a middle school district possibilities facing. That's the conclusion of a Farmington Mark to conclusion of a Farmington for the formation of a farmington school District task force which is studying decilining enrollments. a problem which has playared the school district for the last five yeals were to come to grow with some difficult decisions. The force member John Wishburn. Dr. Stankey Hecker, of the Michigan both of the force member John wishburn. Dr. Stankey Hecker, of the Michigan force enrollment in a first two forces of the force Bottle bill controversy to be decided by voters

Farmington voters will have the chance to decide, with the rest of the state, if deposits on beer and pop containers will the streets.

The proposal to put a deposit on all bev-

longe containers also includes the possibility of banning the fliptop cans. Proponents of the proposals say that the actions will help clean up the environment, save resources and make it safer for animals and children.

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mandatory deposits on beverage containers.

"IN OREGON, some jobs were lost," and litter Jameson, special project in control for the Michagan United Control for the public deposits of the public deposits needed," he said "There would be more retail celexis needed," he said "There would be a two-year phase-in period. Mrs. Kourtjun said "The opposition to using scare factics," he said "There would be rise to the said "The opposition to using scare factics," he said the proposition to the said proposition to the said proposition with the said proposition for the mandacturers extra money from deposits, they say the deposits would put a curb on littering are left on the ground, children might pick them up and turn them in for the deposit. Even in Farmington Hills, there are some who would like the extra money." "Based in Vermond and Oregon research projects, the amount of all litter went own by 80 los deposits, they said the stratemony." "Based in Vermond and Oregon research projects, the amount of all litter went of the proposition of the said with the said of the said

curred Opponents of the bill say that its passage might create new jobs, but they wouldn't offset the amount of layoffs within the bot-tling and canning industry. "They wouldn't be making as many cars." said Farmington Chamber of Commerce executive director Ed Lam "They wouldn't need as many people."

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## Keeping young

# **Nutter outlines concepts** as secondary school chief

After six weeks in his new post as assistant administrator. Gomen North Farmington High School perincial Lyrin Ninter in learning how it feels to be on the other side of the policy-making process. He would like to work additions and high side of the policy-making process which would like to work additions and high side of the strict's occutional programs under the district's occutional programs in the extraction of the strict's occutional programs in the schools I would like to program would cost money, the programs would cost money, the program in the schools I would have been strend at Waled Lake a slways received with interest by students in Farmington There is a real need for such a program in the building trades that's quite naccessful.

"I'd like to see us have one, but I don't know how we could afford it." he said.

Under the program, the students would buy some land, construct a house and them sell it.

Nutter admits that the price of land in Farmington might prohabit the system from building in the city.

I though we could go to some outlying area. Or we could remodel a house in the Nutter believes that schools should help steer students toward careers that aren't over represented in the job market.

I'd think we should even start tabling to students in the fifth and sixth grades about careers. A lot of students then want to be teachers.

careers. A lot of success users many we treaters that teachers.

"We might lose some good teachers that way, but there are far too many teachers in the market now." he said.

"Our high school counseling should help gade students to careers." he said.

the sees vocational school as an alermative or addition to a college education.

"FOR THE PERSON who wants to learn, vocational school can be rewarding. After they attend vocational school they can attend college. They do have the vocational experience to back them up."

they considered countries to best them up:

"But the guarantee that used to accompany a college degree just into there anymore."

To belp progress in the system. Nutter sees a need for communication between parents and the school board and administration.

"The one flaw I found was the break-down of communication between the host improved. The sustain has improved. The sustain has improved."

The board is making an attempt to communicate with the extreme and to create an atmosphere that hasn't existed in the past.

### Rugby tourney set for weekend

The Detreit Rugby Club, composed mainly of north-suburben residents, will less the 28-team Stroh's Great Labor Rugby Touramment this weekend, Oct. 23, at Detroit's Farwell Field, Eight Bille east of Ryan. Genes begin at 19 am. on both marniages. The 28-eaged field includes fear manage's Learners. No admission will be

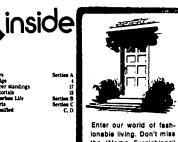
# The cheering stopped

North Farmington band member Daniel Hughes vallantly cheered on the Raider football team Saturday, but to no avail. The team was defeated by Walled Lake Central, 14-0. To see the details of the game, turn to the sports section. (Staff photo)

### OCC sponsors Hawaian trip

Oakland Community College is sponsoring an eight day, seven-night tour of Hawaii, departing Detroit Dec. 21 and remaining Jan. 7. The tour price of \$400 per person, besed on double occupancy includes air transportation from Detroit to Honolalus, accommodations at the foliolaly fun, full breakfast and a mini-tour around Walakli.

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