

Farmington's fate



ELLIOT HALBERG

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same way the city has changed over the past 10 years.

Long-time resident Kay Briggs, Hills Historical Commission member, doesn't believe Farmington is headed for major changes.

"I DON'T think Farmington Hills and the City of Farmington will merge," she says. "Basically I think the area will stay the same, with the exception of growth. People are happy with their little towniness."

Mrs. Briggs also forecasts a disappearance of open areas, but she



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believes the city will continue to improve.

Hills resident Elliot Halberg believes the housing demand itself will change Farmington, a projection he bases on the city's changes in the past.

"I was talking to a woman who lived here when there was a trolley line to downtown Detroit and the A&P was a wooden store on Grand River. Look how much it's changed since then," Halberg says.

"So far, it's managed to keep the small town, but by the year 2000 there will be too much of a

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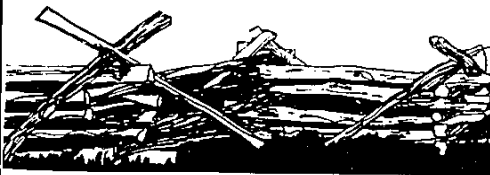
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