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GOAL setting.

The Farmington Board of Education will meet Thursday, Aug. 21, for a goal-setting session.

The public meeting, expected to last several hours, will allow trustees to discuss the future of the district with its newly organized administrative team.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. the Holiday Inn, 35123 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Dinner will precede it at 5 p.m.

WIDENING on tap.

Thirteen Mile will be widened east and west of Northwestern Highway at a cost of \$184,255.

Farmington Hills City Council awarded the bid to South Hill Construction Co. Aug. 11.

Improvements will include four lanes of through traffic east and west of Northwestern and right-turn lanes for traffic desiring to go south or north on Northwestern.

All of the widening areas will be resurfaced from 800 feet west of Northwestern to 1,600 feet east.

TICKET talk.

Discount tickets to the Michigan State Fair (Aug. 22 to Sept. 1) are available at Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile, Farmington.

The school is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Discount tickets are sold for \$2, 41 less than the price at the gate. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. The fairgrounds are at Eight Mile and Woodward, Detroit.

AT THE helm.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has elected new officers for 1986-87, effective Aug. 14.

Nancy Finley, senior vice president at Michigan National Bank-Farmington, replaces John Handley, special marketing projects manager at Jervis B. Webb Co.

Jon Grant, owner of Reliance Forms & Supplies, Mary Bush, executive assistant at Thompson-Brown Realtors, and Betty Paine, Farmington Community Center executive director, are the new vice presidents.

Diane Risko, manager of McFrick's Saloon and Roman Terrace, is secretary. Andrew Baker, owner of Pictures & More!, is treasurer.

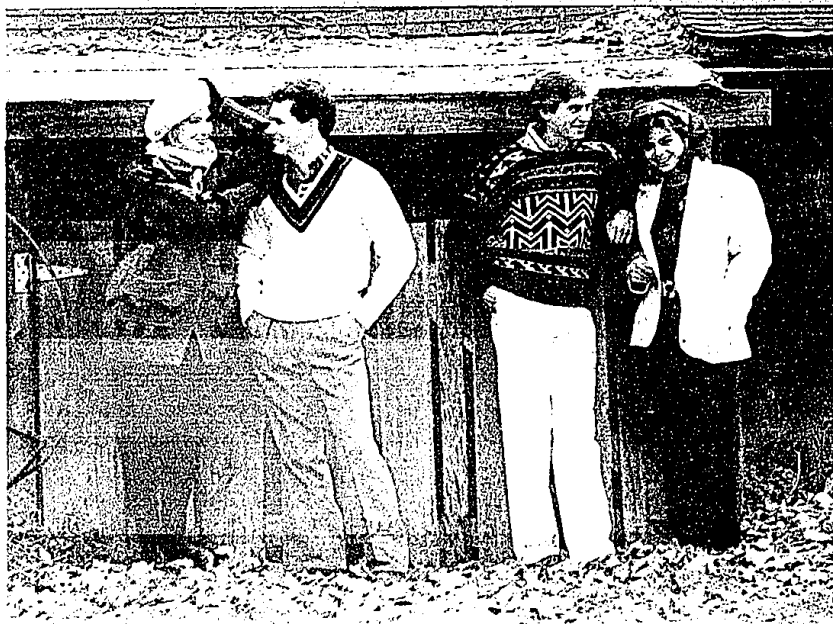
ROAD work.

Farmington Hills City Council will host a cost hearing Monday, Aug. 25, on plans to pave Drake, between 13 and 14 Mile. The hearing will focus on the cost and the assessment roll.

On Aug. 11, the council awarded a bid of \$154,000 to South Hill Construction Co. to repave Folsom, from Randall to Tuck.

FOOTNOTES:

One year ago this week — The first people to get caught allegedly breaking the recently instituted house party ordinance were in Farmington Hills' 47th District Court Aug. 12 (1985).



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Fashions like these, from Saks Fifth Avenue and Crowleys, are ample evidence that this corner of suburban Detroit is on the cutting edge of the fashion scene. And The Eccentric's fall fashion supplement in Thursday's issue will show you why.

With its theme, timing is everything, you'll learn what to wear, when and where. And it's time just as you're getting the urge to send those white cotton pants to the back of the closet.

Hills robber linked to 2 other stickups

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

He was cool, calm and dapper.

And he's \$73,176 richer, the amount of cash he stole in a well-

planned, late-morning stickup Wednesday at a Michigan National Bank branch in Farmington Hills, police said.

The gunman — well groomed, posing as an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent and armed with what proved to be a phony bomb — didn't appear to be an amateur.

"He knew banking procedures and how banks are set up. And he was very calm. I couldn't see an amateur doing what he did and remain so calm," said Sgt. Dennis Rochford of

the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Investigators believe he is the same man who robbed banks in a similar manner in Atlanta, Ga., (February) and Ormond Beach, Fla. (May). In each case, the man was neatly dressed, posed as an IRS agent, drove up and left in a taxicab, carried an attache case, and either

showed or implied possession of a gun and a bomb.

ON FRIDAY, investigators showed four pictures of bank robbers in progress to three of the five employees inside the Michigan National Bank branch at the time of the Farmington Hills robbery. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

supplied the pictures, taken by bank cameras.

"Two of the three employees here picked out the picture of the man who robbed the banks in Atlanta and Ormond Beach. They said it definitely was a picture of the same man they saw," Sgt. Rochford said. "The third employee here said it looked like the same man."

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Reaching out

Learn to help save lives, that's her plea



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Carol Lee of Paramed Inc. trains police and fire departments as first responders in aiding accident and fire victims. She's shown (center) with Fleet Ambulance paramedic Troy McCormick (rear, left). Fire Lt. Harvey

Schwartz (crouching, left) and Don Dominick (floating, right) "treat" firefighter Craig Polke (on stretcher) during a training session Tuesday at the Novi Fire Department.

people

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

Carol Lee, who educates fire and police personnel in lifesaving techniques, says everybody should know everything they can about the body and take responsibility for its care.

"Most kids graduate from high school knowing how many wives Henry VIII had, and even how they died. But they don't know the most basic ways to save a life. I think we owe them — and ourselves — that part of their education," the Farmington Hills resident said.

"I'm not talking about the first aid classes that tell how to make a very pretty bandage. I'm talking about saving someone from choking to death, for instance, which is a very simple procedure. It takes about 10 minutes of class time to learn how to clear the airways."

"Or learning CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)," she added. "Statistically, sometime in your life, you are going to be in a position where you will have an opportunity to use it."

The education that Lee speaks about goes beyond knowing what to

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Library needs to expand — study

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

By 1990-92, Farmington Community Library's Hills branch will need to be expanded to accommodate continuing growth in the area's population and the library's book and material collections, circulation and use of computerized services.

That's the result of a study requested by the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees and conducted by the Bloomfield Hills-based architectural firm, TMP Associates Inc.

The study serves as a component of a five-year action plan being developed by library officials. The plan was requested by Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils, which jointly finance the two-branch library system. The plan will be presented to both city councils in January 1987.

When complete, the five-year plan — expected to cost approximately \$10,000 — will have taken into consideration staffing, service, capital needs and building improvements. Library Director Beverly Papal said.

"I didn't start with the premise

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